



1997 Annual Report

Goffstown, New Hampshire

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Sue Desruisseaux
Editor

DEDICATION

This 1997 Goffstown Town Report is dedicated to all

Goffstown Volunteers

*who give so generously of their skills and time
towards the betterment of their community.*

*The town has more than twenty committees, boards and
commissions which are filled by volunteers.*

*There are approximately two hundred volunteer positions
in municipal government, some are elected positions and
others are appointed positions. Some committees meet
weekly, others every other week, and some monthly.*

*It is impossible to estimate the total number of hours
which these unselfish people contribute to local government.*

A sincere thank you to all volunteers

for their dedication and commitment to Goffstown.

*Their efforts assure us that local government is truly a
“government of the people by the people and for the people.”*

*Any resident seeking a volunteer position should contact
Town Hall for more information.*

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INFORMATION ABOUT OUR TOWN

During King Phillip's War in 1734 Goffstown and West Manchester were designated as Narragansett No. 4, and used as shelter for officers and soldiers. The Town of Goffstown, incorporated 1761, is named for Colonel John Goffe, an early settler, soldier, and civic leader. Goffstown was originally a farming community. As the town was settled during the 1760's, the timber that was cleared was used in building ships. The wood was drawn by oxen to the village of Piscataquog and from there it was floated by raft to Newburyport, Massachusetts. The oxen route became known as Mast Road, now the main road through Goffstown.

Goffstown is located at 43N and 71, 36W in Hillsborough County nine miles west of Manchester on NH Route 114; north of Bedford on Route 114; east of New Boston on Route 13; south of Weare on Route 114. It is 16 miles to Concord, state capital of New Hampshire.

The Town has a population of approximately 15,500 (Planning Department and U.S. Census) and occupies approximately 36.9 square miles. Town Hall elevation is 306 feet above sea level, and the top of Mt. Uncanoonuc is 1321 feet above sea level.

GOVERNMENT: Goffstown is governed by a Board of five Selectmen. Legislative policy, including passage of the Town Budget, is determined by the annual Town Meeting. The Town provides a full array of governmental services, library and recreational services. At the 1996 Annual Meeting the residents passed RSA 40:13 changing the traditional town meeting to a ballot determination meeting followed by an official ballot.

The Town Hall is located at 16 Main Street. Town office hours are 8:30 am to 4:30 pm on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday; 8:30 am to noon on Wednesday; and 8:30 am to 6:00 pm on Thursday.

TOWN CLERK: Voter registration is with the Supervisors of the Checklist or Town Clerk. To register to vote, one must be 18 years of age, a U.S. citizen and resident of Goffstown. New voter registrations for local elections are accepted 10 days prior to elections. Voter registrations for State and National elections are accepted at the polls on election day. Absentee ballots are available to qualified voters for Town and State primaries and general elections.

Dog licenses, which expire on April 30 of each year, are available at the Town Clerk's office. A dog must be licensed at three months of age; rabies certificate required. Fees are \$6.50 for neutered animals; \$9.00 if unaltered. A penalty of \$1.00 per month is assessed as of June 1 for unlicensed dogs.

Automobile registration is initiated at the office of the Town Clerk. Registration is due and renewable in the birth month of the resident owner.

Reregistration decals are available from the Town Clerk for an additional fee of \$2.50. A mail-in auto reregistration program began in November 1995.

Decals to use the Transfer Station are available from the Town Clerk.

PROPERTY TAXES: Goffstown collects property taxes semi-annually; payments are due at the Tax Collector's Office July 1 and December 1. Property is assessed as of April 1. The tax rate for 1997 was \$26.44 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

ZONING: A Town Zoning Ordinance controls land uses in Commercial, Industrial, Residential Small Business Office District (RSBOD), Residential, Agricultural, Flood Plain and Conservancy Open Space Zones.

POLICE: The Goffstown Police Department is located on Route 114 across from the State Prison for Women and adjacent to the Hillsborough County Nursing Home.

PUBLIC WORKS: The Public Works Department is located at the west end of Depot Street in Goffstown Village. Curbside solid waste and recycling pickups are once a week. The Transfer Station for solid wastes and recyclables is located at 404 Elm Street, and is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 7:30 am to 3:00 pm.

LIBRARY: The Goffstown Public Library is located on Route 114, between High Street and Elm Street and is open from 10 am to 8 pm on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday; 10 am to 6 pm on Thursday; 10 am to 5 pm on Friday; and 10 am to 3 pm on Saturday. The Library operates a Branch Library in Pinardville at the Goffstown Square. The Branch is open Wednesdays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm; Thursdays and Fridays from 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Saturdays from 9:00 am to noon.

PARKS & RECREATION DEPT.: The Parks and Recreation Department, with an office at 155 Mast Street provides two supervised playgrounds with excellent programs, two public swimming pools, seven public tennis courts, athletic fields, a running track, and an outdoor ice skating area, with supervised year-round programs for youth and adults.

SCHOOL DISTRICT: The Goffstown School District is governed by an elected nine-member School Board; its budget is determined by the Annual School District Meeting. At the 1996 Annual Meeting the residents passed RSA 40:13 changing the traditional school meeting to a ballot determination meeting followed by an official ballot. School Department offices are located in the White Building at the end of School Street in Goffstown Village. The Superintendent of Schools serves the school districts of Goffstown, Dunbarton and New Boston. In Goffstown, the public schools consist of two elementary schools, grades 1 - 3, Maple Avenue School in the Village and Bartlett School in Pinardville; one middle school, grades 4 - 8, Mountain View Middle School, 41 Lauren Lane in Grasmere; and one high school, grades 9 - 12, Goffstown Area High School, 27 Wallace Road in the Village, which accepts Dunbarton and New Boston tuition students.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Board of Selectmen

First Monday of the month 9:00 AM. Second, Third and Fourth Monday of month 6:00 PM. Meetings held at Goffstown Town Hall.

Budget Committee

Third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Goffstown Town Hall.

Community Access Cable TV Committee

Second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Goffstown High School TV Studio.

C.I.P. Committee

May through November Wednesdays at 7:00 PM as needed.

Conservation Commission

First Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM at Goffstown Town Hall.

Economic Development Council

Second Tuesday of the month at 5:00 PM at the Goffstown Town Hall.

Highway Safety Committee

As needed

Historic District Commission

First Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM at the Grasmere Town Hall/School House #9.

Library Trustess

Third Wednesday at 7:00 PM at the Library.

Parks & Recreation Committee

Third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Parks & Recreation building.

Planning Board

Second and fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM at Goffstown Town Hall.

School Board

First and third Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at the S.A.U. office, 11 School St.

Sewer Commission

Second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM at the Goffstown Town Hall.

Solid Waste Commission

Second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Goffstown Town Hall.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

First Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Goffstown Town Hall.

PEOPLE SERVING GOFFSTOWN

Governor

Jeanne Shaheen

United States Senators

Judd Gregg

Robert C. Smith

Representatives in Congress

John E. Sununu

Executive Councilor

Bernard A. Streeter, Jr.

State Senator

Richard Danais

Representatives to

General Court

Lawrence A. Emerton, Sr.

Ruth E. Gage

Bruce F. Hunter

Karen K. McRae

Robert L. Wheeler

Board of Selectmen

Philip A. D'Avanza, *Chair* 1999

Henry C. Boyle, *Vice-Chair* 1998

Bruce F. Hunter 2000

Barbara J. Griffin 1998

Robert L. Wheeler 2000

Town Moderator

Rodney L. Stark 1998

Town Clerk

Marlene M. Gamans 1999

Town Treasurer

Jean C. Mayberry 1999

Administrative Officers

John Scruton,

Town Administrator

Stephen R. Monier, *Police Chief*

Edward Hunter, *Fire Chief and*

Forest Fire Warden

Carl L. Quiram, *Public Works Dir.*

David L. French, *Recreation Dir.*

Janet Bartels, *Library Director*

Susan Desruisseaux,

Support Services/Welfare

Administrator

André Garron, *Planning &*

Economic Development Coord.

Ron Mace, *Assessor*

Maureen McLean, *Finance Dir.*

Edmond Neveu,

Building Inspector, Zoning &

Health Official

Cheryl S. Renaud, *Tax Collector*

Kerry P. Steckowych, *Prosecutor*

Michael Ryan, Paul Fitzgerald,

Wm. Drescher, *Town Counselors*

ADA Compliance Committee

Jack Fletcher, *Chairman*

Robert Francoeur

Jean Mayberry

John Scruton/Sue Desruisseaux

Pam Manney, *School Board Rep.*

Vacant – Secretary

Budget Committee

Peter Georgantas, *Chair* 1998

David Enos, 2000

School Sub-Chair

M. Peter Henk, 1999

Town Sub-Chair

Ezra P. Beck 2000

Robert Draper 1999

Katherine R. Fallon 1999

Carmen Gangi 2000

Timothy Hanson 1998

Preston Lawrance, Jr. 1998

Gossett Chris McRae 2000

John Stafford 1999

Bill Tucker 1998

Pamela V. Manney,

School Board Rep.

Robert L. Wheeler, *Sel. Rep.*

Richard Fletcher,

Goffstown Village Water Rep.

Karl MacGibbon,

Grasmere Village Precinct Rep.

Building Board of Appeals

Arthur Rose, Sr. <i>Chair</i>	1999
Norman Chauvette	1999
Daniel Dugrenier	1999
Darron Pierson	1998
David White	1997
Paul Lebrun, <i>Alternate</i>	1999

Cable TV Community Access**Committee**

James Pingree, <i>Chair</i>	1998
Donald Gagnon, <i>Vice-Chr.</i>	1999
Marie Boyle	2000
David Chabot	2000
Richard Gamache	1999
Doug Gove	2000
Vacant	
Susan Desruisseaux, <i>Gov't. Adv.</i>	
Richard Gagnon, <i>PEG Coordin.</i>	
Les Rosenthal, <i>Educ. Advisor</i>	

Cemetery Trustees

Timothy Kenney, <i>Chair</i>	1998
Michael Massey, <i>Vice-Chr.</i>	1999
Anthony Marts	2000

C.I.P. Committee

JoAnn D'Avanza, <i>Co-Chair</i>	
Claire Rouillard, <i>Co-Chair</i>	
Amy Chalsma, <i>Community Rep.</i>	
Charles Gaides, <i>School Rep.</i>	
Craig Heber, <i>Community Rep.</i>	
M. Peter Henk, <i>Budget Rep.</i>	
Maureen McLean, <i>Finance Adv.</i>	
Andre Garron, <i>Planning Adv.</i>	
Suzanne Tremblay,	
<i>School Board Rep.</i>	
Patrick Tucker, <i>Community Rep.</i>	
Robert L. Wheeler, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	

Conservation Commission

Jane Raymond, <i>Chair</i>	1999
Evelyn Miller, <i>Vice Chair</i>	1999
Collis Adams	1999
Charles Freiburger	1998
Karen McRae	2000
Susan Tucker	2000
Vacant	1998

Julie Grandgeorge, <i>Alt.</i>	1999
William Scimone, <i>Alt.</i>	1999
Jean Walker, <i>Alt.</i>	1999
Henry C. Boyle, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	

Economic Development Council

William Jabjiniak, <i>Chair</i>	2000
Lynn Marie Hummel,	2000
<i>Vice-Chair</i>	
Marie Boyle, <i>Sec.</i>	2000
Martha B. Fournier	2000
Henry Grady	1999
Michael K. Massey	1999
Matthew Peterson	1999
Arthur Rose, Sr.	1997
Bruce Hunter, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	
Robert Wheeler, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	
Barbara J. Griffin, <i>Alt. Sel. Rep.</i>	
Andre Garron,	
<i>Town Administrator's Rep.</i>	
Gossett McRae,	
<i>Planning Board Rep.</i>	

Goffstown Village Water Precinct

Allen D. Gamans, <i>Chair</i>	2000
Henry C. Boyle	1998
Henry L. Burnham	2002
Richard Fletcher	1999
Raymond Taber	2001

Grasmere Village Water Precinct

Arthur Rose, Jr., <i>Chair</i>	1997
Theodore Rohr	1998
William Swanson	1999

**Highway Safety Committee
(formerly Signs & Lights Comm.)**

Stephen Monier, <i>Chairman,</i>	
<i>Police Chief</i>	
Philip A. D'Avanza, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	
André Garron, <i>Planning &</i>	
<i>Economic Dev. Coordinator</i>	
Carl Quiram, <i>Public Works Dir.</i>	
Gerard Nadeau, <i>Community Rep.</i>	

Historic District Commission

Philip D'Avanza, <i>Chair</i>	1998
Eleanor Porritt, <i>Vice Chair</i>	2000
Barbara Mace, <i>Sec./Treas.</i>	1999
Marie Boyle	1998
Robert Gagnon	2000
Doug Gove	1998
Annie Vincent	2000
Terri August, <i>Alt.</i>	2000
Kathleen France, <i>Alt.</i>	1999
Roberta Perkins, <i>Alt.</i>	1998
David White, <i>Alt.</i>	1999

Joint Loss Safety Management Committee

Jess Koch, <i>Chr., Fire Union Rep.</i>	
Susan Desruisseaux,	
<i>Non-Union/Non-Mgmt. Rep.</i>	
John Hadley,	
<i>Public Works Union Rep.</i>	
Christopher Krajenka,	
<i>Police Union Rep.</i>	
Capt. Paul Nault,	
<i>Fire Mgmt. Rep.</i>	
Donald Pare, <i>Call Fire Rep.</i>	
Jeffrey Sarette,	
<i>Public Works Mgmt. Rep.</i>	
John Scruton,	
<i>Town Hall Mgmt. Rep.</i>	
Sgt. Steven Monier,	
<i>Police Mgmt. Rep.</i>	
Henry C. Boyle, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	

Landfill Reuse Committee

David French	
Andre Garron	
Henry Grady	
Barbara Griffin	
Fred Hicks	
William Jabjiniak	
Carl Quiram	
Libert Sousa	

Library Trustees

Carolyn Benthien, <i>Chair</i>	1998
Cathleen Ball, <i>Vice Chair</i>	1999
Ricci J. Allard	1999

Mark P. Choquette	1999
William Exner	2000
Barbara J. Griffin	2000
Albert E. Packard	1998
Barbara J. Griffin, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	

Master Plan Update Committee

Robert Wheeler, <i>Chair</i>	
Gerald E. Aubin	
Marie Boyle	
JoAnn D'Avanza	
Robert L. Dunn	
Henry Grady	
Julie Grandgeorge	
Barbara J. Griffin	
Gossett McRae	
Milton Meyers	
Claire Rouillard	
Roger Courtemanche,	
<i>School Board Rep.</i>	
André Garron, <i>Advisor</i>	

Paper Roads Committee

Howard Leonard, <i>Chair</i>	
JoAnn D'Avanza	
Armand Demers	
George Hebert	
Jane Raymond	
Sue Desruisseaux, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	
David Burl, <i>Alternate</i>	
Susan Tucker, <i>Alternate</i>	

Parks & Recreation Comm.

Susan Tucker, <i>Chair</i>	1999
Paul Smith, <i>Vice-Chair</i>	1998
Lionel G. Cullerot	1998
Donald Dandurand	1998
J. Claude LaRoche	1999
D. Michael McKinnon	2000
Michael J. Ryan	1999
Paul Smith	1998
Bruce F. Hunter, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	

Piscataquog River**Local Advisory Committee**

Vivian T. Blondeau	2000
Charles Frieburger	1998
Alfred P. Bertagnoll (Dr.)	1999

Planning Board

Gossett McRae, <i>Chair</i>	1998
James Raymond, <i>Vice Chr</i>	1998
JoAnn D'Avanza, <i>Sec.</i>	2000
Richard Georgantas	2000
Claire Rouillard	2000
<i>Vacant</i>	1999
Collis Adams, <i>Alternate</i>	1999
Cheryl A. Casasanta, <i>Alt.</i>	1999
Milton Meyers, <i>Alternate</i>	1998
Henry C. Boyle, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	
Barbara Griffin, <i>Alt. Sel. Rep.</i>	

School Board

Suzanne Tremblay, <i>Chair</i>	1998
Michael York, <i>Vice Chair</i>	2000
Randall Benthien	1999
Craig Hieber	1998
Pamela V. Manney	1999
Virginia McKinnon	2000
Jane E. Raymond	2000
William D. Tothorow	1999
Michael York	2000
Ellen Vermokowitz	1998
<i>Vacant</i>	
Jill Stogniew, <i>Student Member</i>	

School District Officers

Lawrence A. Emerton, Sr.	2000
<i>Moderator</i>	
JoAnn D'Avanza, <i>Clerk</i>	2000
Helen Skoglund, <i>Treas.</i>	2000

School District Administration

Eugene W. Ross, Ph.D., <i>Interim Superintendent of Schools</i>	
Charles A. Gaides,	
<i>Asst. Superintendent</i>	
Mary Heath,	
<i>Asst. Superintendent</i>	
Roger Descheneau,	
<i>Business Manager</i>	

Bartlett Elementary School	
Kathleen Dodwell, <i>Principal</i>	
Goffstown Area High School	
Chris Mosca, <i>Principal</i>	
John Farese, <i>Asst. Principal</i>	
James Fullam, <i>Asst. Principal</i>	
Maple Ave. Elementary	
Marc A. Boyd, <i>Principal</i>	
Mountain View Middle	
Rose L. Colby, <i>Principal</i>	
James I. Doig, <i>Asst. Principal</i>	
Sandra Davis, <i>Asst. Principal</i>	

Sewer Commission

Stephen R. Crean, <i>Chair</i>	1999
James A. Bouchard	2000
M. Peter Henk	1998
Bruce Hunter, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	

Solid Waste Commission

Gordon Bartels, <i>Chair</i>	2000
Jay Pitocchelli, <i>Vice-Chr</i>	1998
Kilton Barnard	1998
Craig Hieber	1999
Paul LaPerle	1998
Barbara Perkins	1998
Joan Stevens	2000
Christopher Conroy	2000
Barbara J. Griffin, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	
Bruce Hunter, <i>Alt. Sel. Rep.</i>	
Michael Hillhouse, <i>Advisor</i>	

So. NH Planning Commission

Milton Meyers	6/30/98
Arthur Rose, Sr.	6/30/00
Robert L. Wheeler	6/30/01
Barbara J. Griffin, <i>Alt.</i>	6/30/01

Supervisors of the Checklist

Helen Skoglund, <i>Chair</i>	1998
Donna A. Bergeron	2002
Donna Kelly	2000

Telecommunications Project Oversight Committee

Edward Hunter, *Fire Chief*
 Carl Quiram, *Public Works Dir.*
 Gossett McRae, *Planning Board*
 Chief Steve Monier, *Police*
 John Scruton, *Town Admin.*

Trustees of the Trust Funds

Andrew Szerlog, *Chair* 2000
 Kenneth Dorval 1998
 William J. Schubert 1999

Wellness Committee

Maureen McLean, *Chair*
 Marsha Ciardullo, *Library*
 John Hadley, *Public Works*

Edward Hunter, *Fire*
 Daniel Jubinville, *Police*
 Linda Moody, *Finance*
 Steve Miller, *Fire Alt.*
 Bruce Hunter, *Sel. Rep.*

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Henry Grady, *Chair* 2000
 Anthony Marts, *Vice-Chr* 1999
 Ernest Tanguay, *Sec.* 1998
 Paul Lambert, *Clerk* 2000
 Robert Piper 1999
 Cynthia Boisvert, *Alt.* 2000
 Armand Demers, *Alt.* 1999
 Edward Dial, Jr., *Alt.* 1998
 William Jabjiniak, *Alt.* 1998

TOWN HALL STAFF



L-R, Seated: Finance Dir. Maureen McLean; Welfare/Support Services Dir. Sue Desruisseaux; Town Administrator John Scruton; Town Clerk Marlene Gamans; Tax Collector Cheryl Renaud. L-R, Standing: Bookkeeper Linda Moody; Building Inspector Ed Neveu; Bookkeeper Gail Lavallee; Building Sec. Melissa Bruce; Planning & Economic Development Coordinator Andre Garron; Planning Sec. Patty Gale; Deputy Town Clerk Felice Dandurand; Assessing Sec. Mary Lavallee; Assessor Ron Mace; Deputy Tax Collector Muriel Lively. Missing: Treasurer Jean Mayberry; Bldg. Maintenance Marc Tessier; Sewer Admin. Asst. Marilyn Hozeny; and Sel. Sec. Donna Bergeron (photographer)

SELECTMEN'S REPORT



GOFFSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

*L-R: Bruce F. Hunter, Chairman Philip A. D'Avanza,
Vice-Chairman Henry C. Boyle, Barbara J. Griffin, Robert L. Wheeler*

The Board of Selectmen again achieved their goal of maintaining a stable tax rate, while providing a solid level of service to the community. The Town has had the same municipal tax rate for 1993, 1994, 1995, and 1996. The rate for 1997 declined slightly.

The Library renovation was completed this year, creating more usable space and bringing the building into compliance with building codes. The addition to the Police Station was completed, resulting in a forty-seven percent increase in space. The exterior of the Town Hall in Grasmere underwent a significant transformation. After lead abatement and priming, the building was painted in historic colors. There have been many compliments on the improvement to the facility.

The Board continued the twenty year road maintenance plan with the reconstruction of Wallace Road and paving over nine miles of other streets in Town.

A thirty eight unit elderly housing project was built in the old Upper Elementary School, creating 6000 square feet of space for community activities. It is nice to see the building in use again after several years of being dormant. The Meetinghouse at Goffstown is the home now for many senior citizens and is used by various public service agencies including Meals on Wheels.

Students and chaperones, continuing a twelve year tradition, again visited from Kunitachi, Japan, our sister city.

This year saw several changes in personnel. Ed Hunter was promoted to Fire Chief upon the retirement of long-time Fire Chief Richard Fletcher. Carl Quiram was appointed Director of Public Works after Don Hambidge left to take a job in Florida. Maureen McLean was promoted to Finance Director when Gini Barss left to pursue other interests.

The Selectmen thank the many dedicated hard working Town employees who have helped to carry out the mission given by the voters. While looking back upon these achievements, the Selectmen realize more needs to be done to meet the challenges of the future.

Over 60 volunteers helped to complete an update of the Master Plan. The Selectmen wish to thank these individuals and the many other volunteers for their hard work and willingness to give of their time and talents on many committees and boards. This was a year in which we saw outstanding progress as a great many things were accomplished. These achievements could not have been done without the help of so many dedicated people. Finally, we thank the citizens of Goffstown for their support and invite their suggestions for a better tomorrow.

GOFFSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Philip A. D'Avanza, Chairman

Henry C. Boyle, Vice Chairman

Bruce F. Hunter

Barbara J. Griffin

Robert L. Wheeler

PROCLAMATIONS

The Goffstown Board of Selectmen issue proclamations throughout the year in recognition of special events and individual accomplishments. The following proclamations were issued in 1997:

DeMolay Week, 3/18/97 – 3/24/97

Keep Goffstown Beautiful Week, 4/13/97 – 4/26/97

Emergency Medical Services Week, 5/18/97 – 5/24/97

Goffstown Babe Ruth Week, 8/2/97 – 8/8/97

Constitution Week, 9/17/97 – 9/23/97

Richard Fletcher, Retired Fire Chief, 1/6/97

Gregory Adams, Eagle Scout, 6/21/97

John "Dick" Daigle, Retired Town Employee, 10/1/97

TOWN BALLOT DETERMINATION MEETING SUMMARY

MARCH 11, 1997

This is a condensed version of the minutes of the meeting. The full text of the minutes of this meeting is available at the Town Clerk's Office.

Moderator Rodney Stark called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m. There were 234 registered voters in attendance.

Henry Boyle, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, led the pledge of allegiance.

Moderator Stark called on Parks and Recreation Director David French who announced this year's Robinson/Cullerot Award recipient, Mike McKinnon.

Moderator Stark introduced the people at the front tables: Selectmen Henry Boyle, Phil D'Avanza, John Davis, Barbara Griffin and Robert Wheeler; Town Administrator John Scruton and Finance Director Maureen McLean; Assistant Moderator Jim Raymond, Town Clerk Marlene Gamans and "Scribe" Marie Boyle.

The moderator explained that this year we are proceeding under RSA 40:12 and 13 as voted in by the townspeople last year and we are not voting to pass or defeat any warrant articles, but rather to discuss, debate and determine how each article will appear on the ballot to be voted on April 8. He also explained the new rules and procedures under which the meeting will be conducted.

Articles 1 through 16 were not discussed since they will appear on the ballot as written. These are articles for the election of town officers and the zoning amendments.

ARTICLE 17

A bonding article to extend the municipal sewer system into Moose Club Park. It was moved, seconded and voted to delete the words "to see if the town," and insert, "shall the town." This article will appear on the ballot as written except for that minor change.

ARTICLE 18

To modify elderly exemptions. This article will appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 19

To establish a \$200,000 capital reserve fund for the landfill closure. This article will appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 20

To sell the Grasmere Town Hall for \$1. Amended to read, "Shall the town authorize and direct," then amended to read, "Shall the Board of Selectmen be directed to retain town ownership of the Grasmere Schoolhouse #9 and Town Hall (commonly known as the Grasmere Grange Hall),

as it is a valuable cornerstone of the community and is listed on the National Historic Register; it is used regularly by the community and both the Board of Selectmen and the Historic District Commission desire to retain public ownership of the building.” Following a long discussion there was a request for a written ballot to vote on the second amendment. The amendment passed 142-92. This article will appear on the ballot as amended.

ARTICLE 21

This article was written in four sections, 21 -A, B, C and D. It contains the town budget and three separate articles which are included in the numbers in the main budget article. 21-D is the town’s budget including A, B and C’s costs.

21-A – To continue the Office of Youth and Family Services for another year; 21-B – To expand Shirley Hill Cemetery; 21-C – To expand the current police station. There were several amendments proffered to this article, but none of them passed. After a long discussion, it was decided the article will appear on the ballot as printed with the budget figure of \$10,408,043.

ARTICLE 22

Police Station addition. An amendment was moved, seconded and voted which read, “Shall the town raise and appropriate the sum of zero (0) dollars for the purpose of constructing and equipping an addition to the existing police station?” Moderator Stark explained that even though there are no numbers attached to this article, every article that appears on the warrant has to appear on the ballot under the new procedures. This article will appear on the ballot as amended.

ARTICLE 23

Police Station expansion. An amendment was moved, seconded and voted which read, “Shall a special warrant article for the police department expansion be voted upon by the voters of Goffstown by ballot vote on the second Tuesday in April, and to remove any financial consequences.” This article will appear on the ballot as amended.

ARTICLE 24

Redistribution of franchise fees for GTV-40. There was no discussion on this article and it will go on the ballot as it appears on the warrant.

ARTICLE 25

No action taken.

ARTICLE 26

There was no further business to be discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Boyle
Scribe

ATTEST: A True Copy
Marlene M. Gamans
Town Clerk

ELECTION RESULTS

SELECTMEN

For THREE Years	Vote for TWO
JEFFREY A. COVENTRY	318
JOHN S. DAVIS	768
JAMES GARCZYNSKI	169
PETER GEORGANTAS	816
BRUCE F. HUNTER	1019
WILLIAM G. KERSTETTER	124
ROBERT WHEELER	975

BUDGET COMMITTEE

For THREE Years	Vote for FOUR
EZRA P. BECK	1580
CARMEN J. GANGI	1469
DAVID ENOS	1670
GOSSETT C. McRAE	1676

BUDGET COMMITTEE

For TWO Years	Vote for ONE
JOHN G. STAFFORD	1731

BUDGET COMMITTEE

For ONE Year	Vote for ONE
TIMOTHY J. HANSON	1729

SEWER COMMISSION

For THREE Years	Vote for ONE
JAMES A. BOUCHARD	1789

SEWER COMMISSION

For ONE Year	Vote for ONE
MICHAEL PETER HENK	1797

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

For THREE Years	Vote for ONE
EZRA P. BECK	946
"TONY" MARTS	1094

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

For THREE Years	Vote for ONE
ANDREW J. SZERLOG	1768

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

For THREE Years	Vote for THREE
BILL EXNER	WRITE-IN 26
BARBARA GRIFFIN	WRITE-IN 19

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

For ONE Year	Vote for ONE
MARK CHOQUETTE	WRITE-IN 7

PLANNING BOARD

For THREE Years	Vote for TWO
JOANN D'AVANZA	1486
RICHARD GEORGANTAS	1225
MILTON MEYERS	1116

PLANNING BOARD

For TWO Years	Vote for ONE
MICHAEL W. HILLHOUSE	749
DENNIS RECHCYGL	195
CLAIRE ROUILLARD	768

PLANNING BOARD

For ONE Year	Vote for ONE
MILES J. PHILLIPS	667
JAMES RAYMOND	1132

ARTICLE 2

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by petition of the voters of Goffstown:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning district by changing the zoning of **Map 26 Lot 24** from **Industrial to Commercial**, and **Map 6 Lot 34** from **Agricultural to Commercial**. These parcels are located on Mast Road beginning at the traffic light past the Women's Prison and presently consists of two adjoining lots, a 2 family home currently zoned Agricultural and Century 21 Ledgewood currently zoned Industrial. (Submitted by Petition) (Not Recommended by the Planning Board)

YES — 828 NO — 1465 DEFEATED

ARTICLE 3

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by petition of the voters of Goffstown:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning district by changing the zoning of **Map 5 Lot 48** from **Industrial to Commercial**. This lot is located at 208 Mast Road next to Magoo's Restaurant. (Submitted by Petition) (Recommended by the Planning Board)
YES — 1606 NO — 677 PASSED

ARTICLE 4

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by petition of the voters of Goffstown:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning district by changing the zoning of **Map 30 Lot 46-1** from **Residential 1 to Residential Small Business and Office District (RSBOD)**. This lot is located at 89 South Mast Street, the Glen Lake Medical and Professional Building. (Submitted by Petition) (Not Recommended by the Planning Board)
YES — 1261 NO — 1048 PASSED

ARTICLE 5

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by petition of the voters of Goffstown:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning district by changing the zoning of **Map 30 Lot 47** from **Residential 1 to Residential Small Business and Office District (RSBOD)**. This lot is located at 101 South Mast Street. (Submitted by Petition) (Not Recommended by the Planning Board)
YES — 913 NO — 1369 DEFEATED

ARTICLE 6

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by petition of the voters of Goffstown:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning district by changing the zoning of **Map 4 Lot 62 & 62-1** from **Residential 1 to Agricultural**. Lot 62 is located at 244 New Boston Road and home

of the English Country Nurseries. Abutting Lot 62-1 is located at 224 New Boston Road and abuts an Agricultural Zone. (Submitted by Petition) (Recommended by the Planning Board)
YES — 1727 NO — 362 PASSED

ARTICLE 7

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by petition of the voters of Goffstown:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning district by changing the zoning of **Map 30 Lot 46-A** from **Residential 1 to Residential Small Business and Office District (RSBOD)**. This lot is located at 95 South Mast Street, Sue's Barber Shop and Salon. (Submitted by Petition) (Not Recommended by the Planning Board)
YES — 1016 NO — 1067 DEFEATED

ARTICLE 8

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by petition of the voters of Goffstown:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning district by changing the zoning of **Map 38 Lot 101** from **Residential 1 to Residential Small Business and Office District (RSBOD)**. This parcel is located at 12 High Street next to the Village Library. (Submitted by Petition) (Not Recommended by the Planning Board)
YES — 814 NO — 1255 DEFEATED

ARTICLE 9

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: **Amend Article III, B (Definitions) by adding "Wireless Communications Facility: Any tower, poles, antennas or other structures intended for use in connection with transmission or receipt of radio or television signals, or any other spectrum-based transmission/reception. Personal wireless facilities will not be considered a public utility for the purpose of this ordinance"** (Recommended by the Planning Board)
YES — 1565 NO — 454 PASSED

ARTICLE 10

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 9 as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article V by adding to section C,D, E and F, special exception sub-section, "Wireless Facilities – Regulations and Performance Criteria subject to the following:

A. personal wireless facilities must be placed on an existing wireless facility tower when physically and legally possible.

B. the site must meet the performance criteria as shown in the appendix section of the zoning ordinance.

C. ancillary buildings are subject to the zoning requirements of the zoning district.

D. landscaping and screening shall be done in accordance with the site plan regulations.

E. the Planning Board may require the developer to post a performance guaranty for the removal of the wireless communications facility if the existing technology should become obsolete.

F. the facility shall be subject to the Site Plan and Subdivision Regulations of the Town of Goffstown and approval by the Planning Board. (Recommended by the Planning Board)

YES — 1546 NO — 456 PASSED

ARTICLE 11

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 10 as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article III, Section B, by adding the following definitions:

A. Restaurant - An establishment that serves food and beverage primarily to persons seated within the building.

B. Restaurant (Fast Food) - An establishment that offers quick food service, which is accomplished through a limited menu of items already prepared and held for service, or prepared, fried, griddled or grilled quickly, or heated in a device such as a microwave oven. Orders are not generally taken at the customer's table, and food is

generally served in disposable wrapping or containers. (Recommended by the Planning Board)

YES — 1728 NO — 311 PASSED

ARTICLE 12

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 11 as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article IV, section H, sub-section 1, by deleting the current text and replacing it with "The following are the minimum parking requirements:" (Recommended by the Planning Board)

YES — 1612 NO — 400 PASSED

ARTICLE 13

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 12 as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article IV, section H, subsection 1, i, by replacing the current text with the following:

A. Restaurant - One space for every four seats plus one space per employee based on largest shift.

B. Restaurant (Fast Food) - One space per 40 square feet plus one space per employee based on the largest shift. On-site queuing space will be required for establishments with drive-up windows. (Recommended by the Planning Board)

YES — 1607 NO — 425 PASSED

ARTICLE 14

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 13 as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article V, sections B4j, B5k and C4i, by changing the frontage requirements from text description to a numerical description. (Recommended by the Planning Board) *This article will not change the existing frontage requirements.*

YES — 1600 NO — 384 PASSED

ARTICLE 15

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 14 as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article V, section E4 by adding “g” and F5 by adding “f” with “minimum lot frontage.....50 ft.” (Recommended by the Planning Board) *This article will not change the existing frontage requirements.*
YES — 1601 NO — 384 PASSED

ARTICLE 16

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 15 as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article V, section C2e by deleting the comma between Stables and riding academies and adding “and” (Recommended by the Planning Board)
YES — 1695 NO — 321 PASSED

ARTICLE 17

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Eighteen Thousand Three Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$818,300.00) for the purpose of financing the municipal waste water line expansion into the area known as Mooseclub Park (Moose Club Park Road, Circle Drive, Shore Drive, Channel Lane) and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$818,300.00 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) as amended, and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, the maturity and the other terms and provisions thereof, as may be in the best interests of the Town. It is the intent of the Goffstown Sewer Commission to repay this bond issuance through a combination of a State Grant, existing fund balance, sewer user fees and by charging a \$5,000 accessibility fee to each property that will be connecting to this lateral? (Two thirds majority required).

YES — 1334 NO — 907 DEFEATED

ARTICLE 18

Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Goffstown, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for persons 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$10,000; for persons 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$15,000; for persons 80 years of age and older, \$20,000. To qualify the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$18,500 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$24,500; and own net assets not in excess of \$35,000 (excluding the value of the person's residence)?

YES — 1782 NO — 473 PASSED

ARTICLE 19

Shall the Town establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of the closure of the landfill and shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$200,000 for such fund in 1997?

YES — 1349 NO — 867 PASSED

ARTICLE 20

Shall the Board of Selectmen be directed to retain Town ownership of the Grasmere School House #9 and Town Hall (commonly known as the Grasmere Grange Hall) as it is a valuable cornerstone of the community which is listed on the National Historic Register, it is used regularly by the community, and both the Board of Selectmen and Historic District Commission desire to maintain public ownership of the building.

YES — 1501 NO — 712 PASSED

ARTICLE 21

Shall the Town of Goffstown raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$10,408,043? Should this article be defeated,

the operating budget shall be \$10,557,074, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Goffstown or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only?

YES — 1530 NO — 673 PASSED

ARTICLE 22

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Zero Dollars (\$0) for the purpose of constructing and equipping an addition to the existing Police Station?

YES — 1086 NO — 943 PASSED

ARTICLE 23

Shall a special warrant article for the Police Station Expansion be voted upon by the voters of Goffstown by ballot vote on the second Tuesday in April?

YES — 1373 NO — 699 PASSED

ARTICLE 24

Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to redistribute the franchise fees received from Continental Cablevision to increase the portion for the local P.E.G. station, GTV-40?

YES — 1280 NO — 848 PASSED

WARRANT TOWN BALLOT DETERMINATION MEETING

FEBRUARY 4, 1998

To the inhabitants of the Town of Goffstown in the county of Hillsborough qualified to vote in Town affairs, and to the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Goffstown, qualified to vote in School District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet on the fourth day of February, 1998 at seven o'clock in the evening at the Goffstown High School in said Town for the first portion of Town Meeting, also known as the deliberative session, to act on the following subjects and determine matters which will then be voted upon by the official ballot on March 10, 1998.

You are further notified to meet March 10, 1998 to vote on all matters by official ballot. The polls will open on March 10, 1998 at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. at the Central polling district at the Goffstown High School and will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. in the Fifth District at the Bartlett Elementary School.

ARTICLE 1

To choose all Town Officers, trustees, commissioners, and School District Officers for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 1 as proposed by petition of the voters of Goffstown:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning district by changing the zoning of **Map 21 Lot 97** from Residential 2 (R-2) District **to Residential Small Office and Business District (RSBOD)**. The property address is 489 Mast Road. Located at the northeast corner of Mast Road and Lynchville Park Road.

(Submitted by Petition) (Recommended by the Planning Board)

ARTICLE 3

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 2 as proposed by petition of the voters of Goffstown:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning district by changing the zoning of **Map 4 Lot 20** from **Conservancy (CO)\Residential I (R-I) to Residential I (R-1)**. This 50 acre lot is located on Lesnyk Road between Mountain Road and Leach Hill Road.

(Submitted by Petition)(Not Recommended by the Planning Board)

ARTICLE 4

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 3 as proposed by petition of the voters of Goffstown:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning ordinance by amending Article V, Section C3k by deleting the Wireless Communication ordinance, as special exception, from the Agricultural District (Article V, section C3k) and the Conservancy District (Article V, Section D3e).

(Submitted by Petition) (Not Recommended by the Planning Board)

ARTICLE 5

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 4 as proposed by petition of the voters of Goffstown:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning district by changing the zoning of **Map 30 Lot 47** from Residential 1 (R-1) District **to Residential Small Office and Business District (RSBOD)**. The property address is 101 Mast Road.

(Submitted by Petition) (Not Recommended by the Planning Board)

ARTICLE 6

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 5 as proposed by petition of the voters of Goffstown:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning district by changing the zoning of **Map 30 Lot 46-A** from Residential 1 (R-1) District **to Residential Small Office and Business District (RSBOD)**. This lot is located at 95 South Mast Street, Sue Barber Shop and Salon. This lot abuts a residential small business and office district.

(Submitted by Petition) (Not Recommended by the Planning Board)

ARTICLE 7

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article III, Section B, by deleting definition 86 (**Wireless Communications Facility**) and renumbering thereafter. Amend Article V, Section C3k by deleting the section in its entirety, including the **Performance Standard in Appendix A**. Amend Article V, Section D3e by deleting the section in its entirety. Amend Article V, Section E3g by deleting the section in its entirety. Amend Article V, Section F3g by deleting the section in its entirety. Amend Article V, Section B3d, by deleting "...or communications facility". Amend Article V, Section D3c, by deleting "...services transmission and reception towers" and replacing it "**Public Utility and Utility Substations**" and delete Article V, Section D3c, subsections "(5), (6), (8), (9)...tower and". Amend Article V, Section F3e by deleting "...services transmission and reception towers" and replacing it "**Public Utility and Utility Substations**", deleting Article V, Section F3e, subsections "(5), (6), (8), (9)...tower and" and deleting Article V, Section F3f.. Amend Article V, by adding a new Article VII and re-numbering thereafter - Telecommunications Facility Ordinance.

The purpose of this zoning amendment is to delete the current Wireless Communications Ordinance and all references to it in the various zoning districts, delete all references to communication towers in general in the various zoning districts, and to adopt a new Telecommunication Facility Ordinance that will regulate the installations of all Telecommunication Facilities within the Town of Goffstown in accordance with the Telecommunication Act of 1996.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

ARTICLE 8

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article IV, Section F2e(9) (**Portable signs**) by deleting the section in its entirety.

The purpose of this zoning amendment is to permit the use of portable signs on a temporary basis instead of as part of the permanent sign size allowance.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

ARTICLE 9

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend **Article IV, Section C3b** by deleting it in its entirety and inserting in its place “b. Restoration - Any nonconforming structure that has been damaged or destroyed by fire or other casualty may be repaired or replaced provided the repaired or replaced structure is, to all intent and purposes, in the same location and as closely as practicable the same as the nonconforming structure that is being repaired or replaced. This right shall expire one (1) year after the damage has occurred and any structure constructed thereafter must conform with the provisions of this ordinance.”

The purpose of this zoning amendment is to allow non-conforming structures damaged by fire or other casualty to be re-built within the same footprint.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

ARTICLE 10

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 9 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article VII (or Article VIII, if Article 7 passes), Section 1a (**Membership**) by adding the following after “...shall consist of five members...” the phrase “...and five alternate members...”

The purpose of this zoning amendment is to increase the alternate membership of the Zoning Board of Adjustments from three (3) members to five (5) members.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

ARTICLE 11

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 10 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article V, Section G (Residential Small Business and Office District), by deleting the section as currently written and re-adopting Article V, Section G (Residential Small Business and Office District) under R.S.A. 674:21(Innovative Land Use Controls) and 674:16 (Grant of Power).

The purpose of this zoning amendment is to give the Planning Board the authority to grant Conditional Use Permits and the flexibility to guide the development of this district in accordance with the goals of the master plan.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

ARTICLE 12

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 11 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning district by changing the zoning of the following lots from Residential 2 (R-2) to Residential Small Business and Office District (RSBOD):

Map 16, Lots 38, 59, 60 62,149,150,151 and 172

Map 17, Lots 65, 66 and 80

Map 18, Lot 47

Map 20, Lots 3A, 8A, 9,17,18,19 and 20

Map 21, Lots 1,11,12,14,22,23,24,25,29,97,98,99,101,105,107,108,109,110 and 111

The purpose of this article includes placing additional lots in the RSBOD district that are consistent with adjacent uses on Mast Road from the Manchester line to the Route 114 Intersection.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Eighteen Thousand Three Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$818,300.00) for the purpose of financing the municipal wastewater line expansion into the area known as Moose Club Park (Moose Club Park Road, Shore Drive, Channel Lane), to authorize the purchase of such land as is required to carry out this purpose, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$818,300.00 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) as amended, and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, the maturity and the other terms and provisions thereof, as may be in the best interests of the Town. It is the intent of the Goffstown Sewer Commission to repay this bond issuance through a combination of a State Grant, existing fund balance, sewer user fees and by charging a \$5,000 accessibility fee to each property that will be connecting to this lateral. (2/3 ballot vote required)

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation since it contains no anticipated increase in fees or taxes.)

(The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation)

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$200,000 for the Capital Reserve Fund established in 1997 under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of the closure of the landfill.

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation)

(The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation)

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$555,000 for rebuilding the bridge over the Piscataquog River on Parker Road. \$444,000 of this appropriation will be reimbursed to the Town by the State.

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation)

(The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation)

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town of Goffstown will vote to raise and appropriate \$35,000 as requested by the Planning Board for studying telecommunication facilities including towers and antennas.

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation)

(The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation)

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Goffstown by its Board of Selectmen and the International Association of Fire-Fighters Local 3420 representing the employees in the bargaining unit from the Fire Department running through December 31, 2000 and to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$11,215 for the additional cost of the contract in 1998. The additional costs for 1999 over the costs in 1998 will be \$16,923. The additional costs for 2000 over the costs in 1999 will be \$17,054. This contract is based on an annual Cost of Living increase of 2%.

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation)

(The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation)

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Goffstown by its Board of Selectmen and the International Brotherhood of Police Officers, Local No. 371 representing the employees in the bargaining unit from the police department running through December 31, 2000 and to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$11,546 for the additional cost of the contract in 1998. The additional costs for 1999 over the costs in 1998 will be \$22,531. The additional costs for 2000 over the costs in 1999 will be \$22,539. This contract is based on an annual Cost of Living increase of 2%.

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation)

(The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation)

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Goffstown by its Board of Selectmen and the Teamsters Local 633 of New Hampshire representing the employees in the bargaining unit from the Department of Public Works running through December 31, 2000 and to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$24,009 for the additional cost of the contract in 1998. The additional costs for 1999 over the costs in 1998 will be \$18,715. The additional costs for 2000 over the costs in 1999 will be \$18,668. This contract is based on an annual Cost of Living increase of 2%.

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation)

(The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation)

ARTICLE 20

20.A. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$21,465 for the purpose of continuing the pilot program for youth and family services through a subcontract with the YMCA.

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.)

(The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation.)

20.B. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$113,000 for the purpose of constructing an addition to the existing Parks and Recreation Facility.

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.)

(The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation.)

20.C. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$42,000 for the purchase and installation of a scale at the Transfer Station.

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation)

(The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation)

20.D. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the operation, expenses, and commitments of the Town Government, the budget approved by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee in the amount of ten million six hundred fifty eight thousand, six hundred sixty five dollars (\$10,658,665). Separate Articles 20A, 20B and 20C are included in this amount. Special Articles 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 are not included.

This budget will be predicated by estimated revenues in the amount of six million one hundred eighty six thousand nine hundred eleven dollars (\$6,186,911).

The sewer enterprise fund of one million five hundred sixty seven thousand six hundred sixty five dollars (\$1,567,665) is included in this revenue amount and in the appropriations request in this Article.

The motion on the operating budget shall be the following, with only the appropriation amount subject to amendment: "Shall the Town of Goff-

stown raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$10,658,665? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$10,624,731, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Goffstown or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.”

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.)

(The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation.)

ARTICLE 21

To hear the reports of Town Officers, Auditors and Committees and to pass any vote relating thereto.

ARTICLE 22

To transact any business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our Hands and Seal this nineteenth day of January, 1998.

GOFFSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Philip A. D'Avanza, *Chairman*
Henry C. Boyle, *Vice Chairman*
Barbara J. Griffin
Bruce F. Hunter
Robert L. Wheeler

Then personally appeared the above named Barbara Griffin, Philip D'Avanza, Robert Wheeler, Henry Boyle, and Bruce Hunter and under oath that the above certificate by them is true.

Marlene Gamans
Town Clerk

AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT LETTER

Patrick J. Kelly

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

713 Chestnut Street

Manchester, New Hampshire 03104

669-6088

October 9, 1997

Board of Selectmen
Town of Goffstown
Goffstown, New Hampshire

As part of my examination of the financial statements of the Town of Goffstown, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 1996, I made a study and evaluation of the Town's system of internal control to the extent I considered necessary to evaluate the system as required by generally accepted auditing standards. Under these standards, the purpose of such evaluation is to establish a basis for reliance on the system of internal accounting control in determining the nature, timing, and extent of other auditing procedures that are necessary for the expression of an opinion on the financial statements, and to assist me in planning and performing my examination of the financial statements. It should be noted that this letter is intended to criticize only the system of internal accounting control, and is not directed at any individual or group of individuals.

My examination of the financial statements made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, including the study and evaluation of the Town's system of internal accounting controls for the year ended December 31, 1996, would not necessarily disclose all weaknesses in the system because it was based upon selected tests of the accounting records and related data. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the Town's system of internal control taken as a whole. However, such study disclosed the following weaknesses, upon which I am presenting my comments and recommendations for your consideration.

Gross Appropriations and Expenditures

The measurement focus of municipal government is not the measurement of profit and loss, but of legal and contractual compliance, organizational performance, and financial flows. The Town's current accounting practices include netting of some receipts and expenditures rather than reporting gross revenues and expenditures, particularly netting of costs against revenue from special police duty and fees charged to the Goffstown Sewer Commission for administration and repair services. This obscures the level of receipts and expenditures associated with these activities. Both the income and expenditures from these activities should be disclosed in the financial statements.

Accounting for Funds

The Town currently maintains its own general ledger for its General Fund and for its Enterprise Funds. Other funds, such as the Special Rev-

enue Fund (Goffstown Memorial Library) and the Trust and Agency Funds are accounted for only in year end workpapers. The Town should utilize its accounting department to maintain these books and records, thus reducing the time and fees for the annual audit.

Landfill Closure Costs

The Town currently has no reserves to fund the closure of the landfill. Since closure action will ultimately be mandated by state and federal agencies, the Town should begin a capital reserve fund to provide for this capital project.

Lease Purchases

Capital equipment leases, as distinguished from operating leases, where ownership passes to the Town for amounts substantially below fair market value or where leased for 90% of the assets useful life should be budgeted as a purchase. The budget should disclose the gross proceeds and expenditure in the year of acquisition. Subsequent lease payments should be budgeted as debt service.

Property Tax Revenue

Generally accepted accounting principles require that property taxes not collected within sixty days of year end be reported as deferred income. The Town currently reports income as property taxes are assessed and collectable. The change in accounting policy would result in a deficit in the General Fund Balance when presented in the financial statements, but would have no effect when used by the State to determine the property tax rate.

The objective of internal accounting control is to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance of the safeguarding of assets against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and the reliability of financial records for preparing financial statements and maintaining accountability for assets. The concept of reasonable assurance recognizes that the cost of a system of internal accounting control should not exceed the benefits derived and also recognizes that the evaluation of these factors necessarily requires estimates and judgments by management.

There are inherent limitations that should be recognized in considering the potential effectiveness of any system of internal accounting control. In the performance of most control procedures, there may be mistakes of judgment, carelessness, or other personal factors. Control procedures whose effectiveness depends upon segregation of duties can be circumvented by collusion. Similarly, control procedures can be circumvented intentionally by management either with respect to the execution and recording of transactions or with respect to the estimates and judgments required in the preparation of financial statements. Further, projection of any evaluation of internal accounting control to future periods is subject to the risk that the procedures may become inadequate due to changes in conditions, and the degree of compliance with the procedures may deteriorate.

Very truly yours,
Patrick Kelly, CPA

SELECTMEN'S RESPONSE TO AUDITOR

December 18, 1997

Patrick J. Kelly
713 Chestnut Street
Manchester, NH 03104

Dear Mr. Kelly:

We appreciate your thorough examination of our records and welcome your opinions for improvements. After receiving your comments and recommendations of our financial statements and internal accounting control systems for fiscal year 1996, we offer the following:

Gross Appropriations and Expenditures

The Board has made the change you suggested for the 1998 budget. The revenue from special police duty and fees charged to the Sewer Commission will no longer be treated as net expenses.

Accounting for Funds

The Special Revenue Fund (Goffstown Memorial Library) is currently maintained on a spreadsheet that feeds into the reports that are generated to the Library Trustees on a monthly basis. At year end the audit entry puts all activity onto the Town's General Ledger. We are currently transferring all activity onto the EasyACCT General Ledger system which is the software used by the auditor to perform our audit. We plan to do the same for the Trust and Agency Funds.

Landfill Closure Costs

The reserve you suggested has been created in the approved 1997 budget and increased in the proposed 1998 budget at the rate of \$200,000 annually for the closure of the landfill.

Lease Purchases

There are other areas that need consideration beyond the accounting discipline. The Town will structure the warrant articles in accordance with the recommendation from the Department of Revenue Administration to reflect the total of the purchase and the amount to be raised in that year using a nonappropriation clause.

Property Tax Revenue

There is a disagreement between the national group which sets standards for accounting practices and the New Hampshire Department of Revenue on the way to account for unpaid taxes. The Town will continue to use a modified accrual practice as required by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration.

Conclusion

The Board will continue to be vigilant in its fiduciary responsibilities. The Board of Selectmen will continue to update and implement appropriate changes to insure better accounting principles.

Sincerely,

GOFFSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Philip A. D'Avanza, *Chairman*
Henry C. Boyle, *Vice-Chairman*
Barbara J. Griffin
Bruce F. Hunter
Robert L. Wheeler

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

During 1997 the Trustees of the Trust Fund received two donations of stock from Mrs. Elizabeth P. Merrill that will support the work of the Heritage Commission and the Library Improvement and Maintenance Fund.

These two gifts should not go unrecognized nor should the charity of past benefactors of our Town. The generosity of these benefactors have made our lives and those of future generations much richer. The Trustees of the Trust Funds wish to thank Mrs. Merrill for her kindness.

During 1997 the State Street Bank and Trust Company of New Hampshire, N.A. continued to provide services as Agents for the Trustees of the Trust Funds for the Town of Goffstown per agreement dated April 30, 1992.

We believe our agents at State Street Bank has positioned our current investment portfolio to continue to generate a positive yield in the future.

The Report of the Common Trust Fund Investments of the Town of Goffstown, NH that follows, represents only a small portion of the material that is available for your review.

Respectfully submitted,
TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUND
Andrew J. Szerlog
Kenneth Dorval
William Schubert



L-R: Kenneth Dorval, Chairman Andrew Szerlog, William Schubert

TOWN BUDGET

	1997 APPROVED BUDGET	UNAUDITED 1997 EXPENDED	1998 SELECTMEN & BUDGET COMM.
ADMINISTRATION			
Executive/Elected	80,335	76,752	84,714
Election/Registration	16,557	15,557	17,137
Administration/Finance	432,132	408,358	511,902
Valuation of Property	106,517	98,468	109,959
Planning Department	146,184	124,232	143,298
Zoning / Building	64,560	57,945	70,547
Administration Facility	81,801	83,673	58,715
Cable TV			32,146
Other General Government	12,700	11,100	12,535
General Assistance	99,729	55,363	76,555
Civic Ceremonies	1,600	1,292	1,600
Historic District	2,050	630	7,000
Conservation	3,611	2,847	3,212
Interest on Notes	1	-	1
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$1,047,777	\$ 936,217	\$1,129,321
POLICE			
Police Administration	1,527,177	1,476,409	1,673,926
Police Facility	120,516	123,696	115,359
Crime Investigation	40,430	31,009	40,475
Police Vehicles	42,000	28,308	38,000
Communications	426,691	399,019	451,828
Emergency Management	4,550	2,877	4,550
TOTAL POLICE	\$2,161,364	\$2,061,319	\$2,324,138
FIRE DEPARTMENT			
Fire Administration	1,113,840	1,021,761	1,134,061
Fire Facility	55,081	55,757	46,651
Fire Vehicles	34,700	22,184	29,300
TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$1,203,621	\$1,099,702	\$1,210,012

FUND BALANCE UNENCUMBERED UNAUDITED 12/31/97 \$2,419,495

	1997 APPROVED BUDGET	UNAUDITED 1997 EXPENDED	1998 SELECTMEN & BUDGET COMM.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT			
Public Works Division	1,221,026	1,055,050	1,213,740
Roads and Bridges	299,090	282,145	307,219
Cemetery Division	58,645	53,323	64,993
Equipment Maintenance	246,950	203,192	231,825
Solid Waste Division	628,770	652,711	720,591
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	\$ 2,454,481	\$ 2,246,421	\$ 2,538,368
PARKS AND RECREATION			
Parks & Rec. Administration	178,281	163,520	174,342
Parks & Rec. Facility	32,182	30,224	40,279
Parks & Rec. Vehicles	2,440	2,665	2,670
TOTAL PARKS & RECREATION	\$ 212,903	\$ 196,409	\$ 217,291
LIBRARY			
Library Administration	232,015	229,093	259,671
Library Facility	35,727	35,981	37,893
TOTAL LIBRARY	\$ 267,742	\$ 265,074	\$ 297,564
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM			
Debt Service/Principal	316,125	323,708	266,091
Debt Service/Interest	46,821	41,277	25,232
Capital Improvements	855,600	799,324	906,518
Separate Articles	214,465	207,884	176,465
TOTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 1,433,011	\$ 1,372,193	\$ 1,374,306
SEWER & SPECIAL POLICE			
Special Police	30,000	30,000	
Sewer Budget	1,597,144	1,597,144	1,567,665
TOTAL SEWER & SPECIAL POLICE	\$ 1,627,144	\$ 1,627,144	\$ 1,567,665
SUBTOTAL MAIN BUDGET(ART. 20)	\$10,408,043	\$ 9,804,480	\$10,658,665
SPECIAL ARTICLES			
Sewer Bond Mooseclub Park(ART.13)	0	-	818,300
Special Articles (ART. 14 THRU 19)	200,000	200,000	836,770
TOTAL SPECIAL ARTICLES	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 1,655,070
TOTAL BUDGET	\$10,608,043	\$10,004,480	\$12,313,735

OUTSTANDING DEBT SCHEDULE*

	Year	Principal	Interest	Total
1992 Lease-Purchase/ Public Works Equipment	1998	64,769	5,020	69,789
1994 Lease-Purchase/ Public Works Equipment	1998	56,044	6,630	62,674
	1999	59,267	3,407	62,674
1996 Lease-Purchase/ Recycling Equipment	1998	45,277	5,981	51,258
	1999	48,175	3,083	51,258
1996 Lease-Purchase/ Telecommunications Equipment	1998	100,000	7,600	107,600
	1999	96,159	2,500	98,659
1986 General Obligation Bonds - Sewer	1998	125,000	55,000	180,000
	1999	125,000	47,500	172,500
	2000	125,000	39,875	164,875
	2001	125,000	32,125	157,125
	2002	125,000	24,250	149,250
	2003	125,000	16,250	141,250
	2004	125,000	8,125	133,125
1989 General Obligation Bonds - Sewer	1998	100,000	66,150	166,150
	1999	100,000	59,250	159,250
	2000	100,000	52,350	152,350
	2001	100,000	45,450	145,450
	2002	100,000	38,500	138,500
	2003	100,000	31,500	131,500
	2004	100,000	24,500	124,500
	2005	100,000	17,500	117,500
	2006	100,000	10,500	110,500
	2007	100,000	3,500	103,500

OUTSTANDING DEBT SCHEDULE*

(continued)

	Year	Principal	Interest	Total
1990 General Obligation	1998	105,000	95,288	200,288
Bonds - Sewer	1999	105,000	88,253	193,253
	2000	105,000	81,218	186,218
	2001	105,000	74,183	179,183
	2002	105,000	67,148	172,148
	2003	105,000	60,113	165,113
	2004	105,000	53,078	158,078
	2005	105,000	46,043	151,043
	2006	105,000	38,981	143,981
	2007	105,000	31,894	136,894
	2008	105,000	24,806	129,806
	2009	105,000	17,719	122,719
	2010	105,000	10,631	115,631
	2011	105,000	3,544	108,544
1994 General Obligation	1998	370,000	21,056	391,056
Bonds - Sewer	1999	340,000	19,046	359,046
	2000	310,000	17,426	327,426
	2001	280,000	15,791	295,791
	2002	250,000	14,123	264,123
	2003	220,000	12,416	232,416
	2004	190,000	10,684	200,684
	2005	160,000	8,929	168,929
	2006	130,000	7,144	137,144
	2007	100,000	5,478	105,478
	2008	75,000	3,931	78,931
	2009	50,000	2,363	52,363
	2010	25,000	788	25,788

* Does not include Water Precinct Bonds

REVENUE OTHER THAN PROPERTY TAXES

	97 BUDGET	USED TO SET TAX RATE	UNAUDITED 1997 ACTUAL	98 BUDGET
TAX, OTHER THAN PROPERTY				
LAND USE CHANGE TAX	35,000	30,000	43,467	40,000
YIELD TAX	5,000	12,000	10,130	12,000
PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES	32,000	63,212	63,212	33,000
OTHER TAXES	27,000	3,000	38,518	1
INTEREST	250,000	215,000	162,938	185,000
TOTAL	\$ 349,000	\$ 323,212	\$ 318,265	\$ 270,001
REVENUE/LICENSES				
MOTOR VEHICLE PERMITS	1,300,000	1,375,000	1,436,177	1,565,000
BUILDING PERMITS	75,000	75,000	73,525	75,000
OTHER LICENSES/FEEs	63,000	64,000	63,211	65,000
TOTAL	\$1,438,000	\$1,514,000	\$1,572,912	\$1,705,000
REVENUE FEDERAL				
GRANTS	117,750	28,000	29,658	12,000
TOTAL	\$ 117,750	\$ 28,000	\$ 29,658	\$ 12,000
REVENUE STATE				
SHARED REVENUE	280,000	274,441	274,441	280,000
HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT	240,000	271,868	271,868	266,000
WATER POLLUTION GRANT	296,654	296,654	296,654	300,000
OTHER	53,400	32,000	15,066	462,000
TOTAL	\$ 870,054	\$ 874,963	\$ 858,029	\$1,308,000
REVENUE OTHER GOVERNMENT				
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	70,000	10,000	-	102,944
TOTAL	\$ 70,000	\$ 10,000	-	\$ 102,944
CHARGES FOR SERVICES				
LANDFILL	15,000	-	24,852	145,000
SPECIAL POLICE	-	-	-	45,000
DISPATCHING	23,500	-	23,632	23,500
OTHER	26,500	73,400	39,751	38,401
TOTAL	\$ 65,000	\$ 73,400	\$ 88,235	\$ 251,901
MISC SOURCES				
SALE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY	16,000	7,000	7,288	8,000
INTEREST ON INVEST	200,000	200,000	236,203	220,000
OTHER	36,000	185,000	174,509	143,100
CABLE	40,000	-	44,859	65,000
TOTAL	\$ 292,000	\$ 392,000	\$ 462,858	\$ 436,100
INTERFUND TRANSFERS				
SPEC REVENUE FUND	30,000	30,000	30,000	-
ENTERPRISE FUND	1,300,490	1,300,490	1,300,490	1,267,665
TRUST FUNDS	15,000	15,000	10,553	15,000
TOTAL	\$1,345,490	\$1,345,490	\$1,341,043	\$1,282,665
OTHER FINANCING				
BONDS	-	-	-	818,300
TOTAL	-	-	-	818,300
TOTAL	\$4,547,294	\$4,561,065	\$4,671,001	\$6,186,911

ESTIMATED FUND BALANCE

DEC. 31, 1997

\$2,419,495

AUDITED FUND BALANCE

DEC. 31, 1996

\$2,319,796

ASSESSOR

1997 SUMMARY INVENTORY OF EVALUATION

Land	\$ 257,138,200.
Buildings	421,068,400.
Manufactured Housing	20,198,500.
Gas	957,300.
Electric	24,866,500.
TOTAL	\$ 724,228,900.

EXEMPTIONS

Blind	\$ 180,000.	
Elderly	1,661,400.	
Full-Vet	370,000.	
School	150,000.	
TOTAL		- 2,361,400.
NET TAXABLE VALUE		\$ 721,867,500.
Veterans Exemptions		\$ 117,300.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Mace, Assessor

TREASURER

1997 SUBJECT TO AUDIT

Cash on Hand – January 1, 1997	\$ 7,075,650
1997 Receipts	23,924,745
Total Cash	31,000,395
Disbursements & Adjustments	23,669,679
Cash on Hand – December 31, 1997	7,330,716
Citizens Bank	7,182,570
N.H. Investment Pool	32,135
Fleet Bank	116,011
	\$7,330,716

Respectfully submitted,
Jean C. Mayberry, Treasurer

TAX COLLECTOR

FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997

- DEBIT -

	LEVIES OF:		
	1997	1996	1995
Uncollected Taxes -			
Beginning of Fiscal Year			
Property Taxes		\$1,211,571	
Land Use Change		2,800	2,800
Yield Taxes			1,020
Taxes Committed this Year:			
Property Taxes	\$18,968,876		
Land Use Change	36,500		
Yield Taxes	10,003		
Supplemental Tax	5,152		
Overpayment:			
Property Taxes	60,713	14,498	1,381
Land Use Change			
Yield Tax			
Interest Collected on Delinquent Tax	17,468	25,404	
TOTAL DEBITS	\$19,098,712	\$1,254,273	\$5,201

- CREDIT -

Remittance to Treasurer			
	1997	1996	1995
Property Taxes	\$17,699,664	\$674,431	
Land Use Change	36,500	2,800	
Yield Taxes	9,673		435
Interest	17,468	25,404	
Supplemental Tax	5,152		
Abatements Made:			
Property Taxes	8,440	16,278	1,381
Yield Taxes			267
Uncollected Taxes -			
End of Fiscal Year			
Property Taxes	1,321,485	535,360	
Land Use Change			2,800
Yield Taxes	330		318
TOTAL CREDITS	\$19,098,712	\$1,254,273	\$5,201

TAX COLLECTOR

SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997

- DEBIT -

ON LEVIES OF:

	1996	1995	1994
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beginning of Fiscal Year		\$351,319	\$183,154
Liens Executed during Fiscal Year	573,880		
Interest & Cost Collected (After Lien Execution)	12,671	40,639	56,364
TOTAL DEBITS	\$586,551	\$391,958	\$239,518

- CREDIT -

Remittance to Treasurer			
	1996	1995	1994
Redemptions:	\$236,241	\$172,072	\$165,803
Interest/Costs (After Lien Execution)	12,671	40,639	56,364
Liens Deeded to Municipalities			
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	264		
Unredeemed Liens Bal. End of Yr.	337,375	179,247	17,351
TOTAL CREDITS	\$586,551	\$391,958	\$239,518

Submitted subject to audit:
Cheryl S. Renaud
Tax Collector

BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Budget Committee is comprised of sixteen members, twelve elected and four appointed. Two subcommittees are formed, one dealing with the town portion of the budget and the other on the school budget. During the year the Budget Committee reviews expenditures on a monthly basis. Beginning in November we work with Department Heads and School Board members on next year's budget.

The Budget Committee had a very busy season. The changes in the SB2 law (RSA 40:13) resulted in less time for construction of the budgets. Meetings were held twice a week during the month of December in order to construct the budget. The proposed budgets were then presented at the public hearings which were held the first two weeks of January 1998. Some of the large items considered this year were a scale at the Transfer Station, a new ten wheeler, Parker Bridge reconstruction, renovations at the high school and employee contracts for town and school personnel. After the public hearings input was considered and changes made and forward to the deliberative session.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Georgantas, *Chairman*



L-R: Dave Enos, Robert Draper, Timothy Hanson, Sel. Rep. Robert Wheeler, Carmen Gangi, M. Peter Henk, Ezra P. Beck, Bill Tucker, Chairman Peter Georgantas, Preston Lawrence, School Board Rep. Pamela V. Manney, John Stafford, Grasmere Water Precinct Rep. Karl MacGibbon, Village Water Precinct Rep. Richard Fletcher, Gossett Chris McRae. Missing: Katherine Fallon.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

If 1997 is any indication of things to come, the economy is on the up-swing, and building construction is already feeling its effect. The demand for housing in Goffstown is strong and there is a large inventory of approved lots available for home building.

The addition and renovations to the Public Library were completed this year. These enhancements were not only to the much needed space for the books and reading areas but also brought the building into compliance with ADA requirements.

St. Anselm College kept the Building Department busy all summer. The school built Father Bernard Court, a seven building project consisting of 43 units of two bedroom town house style dormitory apartments. Also, St. Dominique Hall another dormitory was renovated.

Most rewarding to me was seeing my old Alma Mater Goffstown High School, (in latter years known as the Upper El) being resurrected and transformed into *The Meetinghouse at Goffstown*, providing 38 elderly housing units. Kudos to all the people who worked so hard to make it happen. Also of interest is the Goffstown Class of 48 which graduated from the old high school, (myself included) will hold their 50th class reunion at the Stonebridge Country Club which is presently under construction on Gorham Pond Road. Stonebridge is a public state of the art 18 hole golf course which includes a club house, restaurant and function rooms. It is scheduled for completion and will be fully operational in 1998.

Our goal in the Building Department for 1998 is to give you the best service possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edmond J. Neveu
Building Inspector
Code Enforcement & Health Officer

BUILDING PERMIT REPORT

1995 v 1996 v 1997

1995		1996		1997		TYPE OF PERMIT
No. of Permits	Permit Fees	No. of Permits	Permit Fees	No. of Permits	Permit Fees	
						COMMERCIAL
						NEW BUILDING
5	\$5,218	2	\$ 919	7	\$10,253	Building
5	1,054	2	227	7	2,252	Electrical
5	1,029	0	0	7	2,227	Plumbing
5	1,029	1	25	7	647	Mechanical
*	*	1	78	0	0	Public Utility
						ALT. & REPAIRS
19	2,791	7	12,542	18	2,534	Building
15	742	6	2,912	18	1,013	Electrical
13	667	4	2,791	18	997	Plumbing
4	359	6	2,912	18	430	Mechanical
						RESIDENTIAL
						MULTI UNIT
1	5,866	0	0	0	0	Building
						SINGLE FAMILY
40	18,500	40	12,144	74	22,297	Building
						TWO FAMILY
5	2,708	4	2,182	1	294	Building
46	4,902	45	3,766	75	5,379	Electrical
46	4,844	45	3,722	75	5,302	Plumbing
46	4,146	45	3,003	75	4,231	Mechanical
						ADDITION/ALT.
60	2,836	58	4,155	58	2,850	Building
30	1,365	26	1,903	23	1,368	Barns, Carports, & Garages
50	1,283	47	2,678	39	1,231	Decks, Porches, & Sheds
5	175	7	245	7	280	Demolitions
101	2,261	118	2,826	91	2,020	Misc. Electrical
25	647	29	809	39	838	Misc. Plumbing
78	4,241	87	2,320	80	1,836	Misc. Mechanical
*	*	*	*	2	200	MOBIL HOME
15	375	16	430	13	391	Pools
44	780	39	1,100	33	690	Signs
36	1,555	41	1,728	54	2,334	ZBA Appeals
1	50	8	295	2	770	Child Care Insp.
0	0	1	50	0	0	Assembly Insp.
37	*	0	0	13	45	Health Insp.
*	*	2	50	2	50	Junkyard
*	*	2	1,858	0	0	Temp. Living
*	*	1	303	0	0	Single Fam. Conv.
*	*	*	*	6	171	Misc.
738	\$69,423	690	\$67,973	862	\$72,930	TOTALS

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Appeals heard by the Zoning Board in 1996	= 57
Appeals Approved	= 36
Appeals Denied	= 15
Withdrawals	= 4
Tabled to 1998	= 2

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) has the authority, after public hearing and notice to:

1. Decide appeals from the administrative decisions of the municipal officials or boards responsible for issuing permits or enforcing the zoning ordinance;
2. Approve special exceptions as provided for in the zoning ordinance;
3. Grant variances from terms of the ordinance.

Regularly scheduled meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm and are followed by hearings which begin at 7:30 pm. Additional special public hearings and meetings are held as required.

Notices of meetings are posted in the Town Hall and advertised in the *Goffstown News*. Applicants and abutters are notified by certified mail.

All meetings are open to the public and everyone is invited to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry Grady
Chairman



L-R: Paul Lambert; Edward C. Dial, Jr., Alt.; Anthony "Tony" Marts, Vice Chairman; Henry Grady, Chairman; Cynthia Boisvert, Alt.; Marie Boyle, Sec.; William Jabjiniak, Alt. Missing: Armand Demers, Alt.; Robert Piper; Ernest Tanguay.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

The towers are coming, the towers are coming, should have been the battle cry for 1997. After the passage of the 1996 Telecommunications Act (96 TelAct), towns around the country felt the tremors of the telecommunication providers running to make application for new towers. The Goffstown Planning Board, like many planning board's in New Hampshire, struggled to balance the mandates of the 96 TelAct with the goals and objectives of the community. Several applications were submitted in 1997 for new towers in Goffstown. One thing became very apparent to the Boards and residents involved in this matter, this issue is not going to be an easy one to balance.

Last year, the Planning Board recommended passage of a Wireless Communications Ordinance. This ordinance was intended to be a stop gap measure to provide a procedure to regulate the construction of new towers. It worked, but as we became more knowledgeable about the mandates of the 96 TelAct, the more we realized that we have to improve our existing telecommunications ordinance. The Planning Board's proposed Telecommunication Facility Ordinance attempts to address the shortcomings of last year's ordinance and provide clear direction to telecommunication providers of Goffstown's goals and objectives with regards to the siting of these facilities.

The Planning Board has asked the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee to set aside funds in the 1998 budget to initiate a telecommunication study. The purpose of the study is to identify acceptable areas in town where tower or antenna facilities could be located. Once the Planning Board has this information, it will significantly reduce the areas in town an applicant could site a new tower and help the Board further refine its telecommunications ordinance.

The 1997 Goffstown Master Plan is finally done! I think Goffstown residents will be pleased with the results. It should be noted that on December 1, 1997, the Goffstown Master Plan Update Committee received honorable mention from the Governor's Volunteer Recognition Award. The Master Plan Update Committee received a Certificate of Appreciation signed by Governor Jeanne Shaheen. "Congratulations" to the Master Plan Update Committee and everyone involved in the process. Copies of the 1997 Master Plan Update should be available to the public by February.

The number of subdivision and site plan applications submitted to the Planning Board in 1997 are shown on the following table:

Type	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Subdivision	35	35	20	20	20	22	8
Site Plan	6	14	10	5	8	11	9
Conceptual	18	18	17	11	10	16	7
Total	59	67	47	36	38	49	24
% Change		13.56	-29.85	-23.40	5.56	28.95	-51.02

As shown in the table, there was a big reduction in 1997 in the number of applications submitted to the Planning Board for review in all categories. As for subdivision applications, four out of the eight applications submitted for review were for lot line adjustments, meaning, no new lots were created.

The Town funded a fiscal impact study in 1997. The purpose of this study was to measure the impact of residential development on town services. Bruce Mayberry was hired by the Planning Board to complete the study. The information contained in the study will help the Planning Board determine if the Town has the capacity to approve large scale developments. It will also aid the Planning Board and Department Heads in developing its Capital Improvement Program. The study will be completed by the end of January 1998.

Our Economic Development efforts went well this year. The Economic Development Council's Halloween and Christmas events were very successful. The community support for these events were terrific. We intend to build upon the success of these events to make them even more enjoyable for the residents and businesses of Goffstown in 1998.

I thank my assistant Patty Gale for all the work she does in the Planning Department throughout the year. I also thank the Planning Board for the time, effort and commitment they make on behalf of community. We all look forward to making 1998 a productive and exciting year.

Respectfully submitted,

André L Garron

Planning & Economic Development Coordinator

PLANNING BOARD



L-R: Standing: Cheryl Casasanta; Richard Georgantas; Claire Rouillard; Henry Boyle, Sel. Rep.; Collis Adams, Alt.; James Raymond, Vice Chair; Andre Garron, Planning & Economic Dev. Coord. Seated: JoAnne D'Avanza; Milton Meyers, Alt.; Gossett McRae, Chairman; Patricia Gale, Sec. Missing: Barbara Griffin, Alt. Sel. Rep.

The Planning Board formally adopted the Master Plan Update and a standard model for Fiscal Impact analysis of new subdivisions in 1997. Both of these planning tools coupled with our ongoing Capital Improvements analysis program and Technical Review process enable the Board to examine new applications with a comprehensive understanding of how a proposed plan will affect our community.

These tools typically allow the Board to understand both sides of an issue. But that often makes the decision difficult, as each member of the Planning Board has to weigh the specific benefits and detriments of each proposal to finally determine what is best for the Town.

Currently, there is much activity with antenna tower site plans. The telecommunications industry is growing due to customer demand for cellular and PCS service; it looks like new digital television is going to become a reality. This all means that service providers are anxious to install new tower locations in Goffstown.

This issue is further complicated by the fact that the federal government, through the Federal Communications Commission, has preempted some local control with respect to antenna tower siting restrictions.

Furthermore, the issues involved in evaluating effective wave propagation, a key element in tower siting, are extremely technical in nature. The Planning Board clearly needs expert technical assistance in dealing with these types of issues. Accordingly, we have requested \$35,000 in this year's budget to fund the analysis necessary to give the Board the ability to guide the inevitable growth of various types of wireless communications.

The planning department office is on the upper level at town hall where our capable staff is available daily during normal business hours to assist anyone with questions about zoning in Goffstown. Mr. Andre Garron, Planning and Economic Development Coordinator, and Ms. Patty Gale, Secretary to the Planning Board, continue to provide essential guidance and support and we thank them for their efforts.

The Planning Board would like to thank the people of Goffstown for the continued support of the Board and its activities and we welcome interested citizens to attend our meetings which are typically held on the second and the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00PM at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Gossett McRae, *Chairman*

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL



L-R: Bruce Hunter, Sel. Rep.; Lynn Marie Hummel, Vice Chairman; Henry Grady; Martha Fournier; William Jabjiniak, Chairman; Marie Boyle; Matthew Peterson; Andre Garron, TA Designee; Missing: Barbara Griffin, Alt. Sel. Rep.; Michael Massey; Gossett McRae, Planning Board Chairman

Economic Development can be achieved in many ways. Goffstown's Economic Development Council chose to form partnerships and work together to maximize opportunities and benefits for residents and businesses. With Goffstown having risen from the depths of the recession of the early 1990's, we have enjoyed five years of uninterrupted growth. The Economic Development Council seeks to continue to take advantage of this opportunity.

In 1997, the Goffstown Economic Development Council achieved its goal of developing an Internet Web Page. With assistance from the School Department, we were able to provide economic and other pertinent data to those who choose to travel through cyberspace. Visit us at www.Goffstown.com!

Another goal was to be in touch with the concerns of local business people. To that end, a brainstorming session was held with Village merchants to hear their comments and concerns about safety, parking and the overall economic vitality of their business district.

The excellent turnout at this session lead to two very successful events in the Village Halloween Costume Contest and the first annual Christmas Tree on the Common and subsequent lighting ceremony. With gracious assistance from local businesses, these two activities went a long way toward achieving economic development through community participation.

1998 promises to be another successful year! While continuing the activities started this past year, the GEDC is also working on expanding the movement in the village and carrying out new initiatives to assist the Pinardville merchants in their growth opportunities. Growth in the tax base will occur naturally as we continue to assist existing businesses in expanding as well as working to streamline the process for new business to locate in our safe and lively community.

Once again, the Economic Development Council would like to thank the residents and business people of Goffstown for their continued cooperation and also extend a generous "thank you" to André Garron for his essential and valuable assistance throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Jabjiniak
Chairman

MASTER PLAN UPDATE COMMITTEE

This past year has been the stepping stone for the future years to come in the Town of Goffstown. The Town is very fortunate to have so many citizens that care about Goffstown's tomorrow. The Master Plan Update Committee consisted of 60 volunteers who worked diligently in co-operation with each other to construct a plan that they envision for the Town. I would like to thank those people who gave so much time and effort as well as thank those people who supplied the information and gave much assistance in such an important tool for this Town – my hat goes off to you all!

I would like to thank the Planning Board for their assistance as well as their support for this plan as their dedication through this process has been tremendous.

Sincerely yours,

Robert L. Wheeler
Chairman



23 of 56 members

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

The Capital Improvements Program is a valuable part of the community planning process. The program links local infrastructure investments with master plan goals, land use ordinances and economic development.

A capital improvements program is a means of avoiding the unpleasant surprise of expensive projects generating large property tax increases. While cost impacts cannot always be precisely determined in advance, the CIP fosters discussion of the distribution of the tax burden of new capital expenditures over time.

The Capital Improvements Program Committee is a sub-committee of the Planning Board. This year the Committee consisted of two Planning Board members (Jo Ann D'Avanza and Claire Rouillard), one member of the Budget Committee (Peter Henk), one member of the School Board (Craig Hieber), one member of the Board of Selectmen (Bob Wheeler) and two members of the community (Pat Tucker and Amy Chalsma). André Garron, Planning and Economic Development Coordinator, was our advisor.

Since the new Master Plan was almost completed at the time we began the CIP process, we asked the department heads to use this new Master Plan in determining their needs for the next six years. There were several large ticket items requested this year that have not been studied fully. Therefore, these items are listed in the CIP plan, but do not have a dollar amount attached to them. The Committee felt that by listing them with a TBD (to be determined), it would alert the Town to the fact that they may be needed in the near future. However, the costs remain unknown until further studies are completed.

In 1996, a recommendation was made by the CIP Committee to increase the CIP request threshold from \$10,000 to \$20,000. The Planning Board voted to maintain the \$10,000 level.

This year, the CIP Committee presented their report to the Planning Board during the month of September. The Planning Board held a public hearing before the plan was adopted. This plan was also subject to review and approval by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee, as well as input from the public.

The Committee spent much of the summer working on the Capital Improvements Program. We would like to thank the Department Heads for their time and cooperation throughout this entire process.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann D'Avanza, *Co-Chair*

Claire Rouillard, *Co-Chair*

SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE PLANNING COMMISSION

The Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission has a wide range of services and resources available to help the dues-paying members deal with a variety of municipal issues. Technical assistance is provided by a professional staff whose expertise is, when necessary, supplemented by consultants who are selected for their specialized skills or services. Each year, with the approval of your appointed representatives, the Commission staff designs and carries out programs of area-wide significance that are mandated under New Hampshire and federal laws or regulations, as well as local or site-specific projects which would pertain more exclusively to your community.

Technical assistance is provided in a professional and timely manner by staff at the request of your Planning Coordinator or Town Administrator. The Commission conducts planning studies and carries out projects that are of common interest and benefit to all member communities, keeps your officials apprised of changes in planning and land use regulation, and offers training workshops for Planning and Zoning Board members on an annual basis.

Services that were performed for the Town of Goffstown during the past year are as follows:

1. Co-sponsored the Municipal Law Lecture series. These meetings were attended by Goffstown officials.
2. Conducted traffic counts at several locations in the Town of Goffstown. Copies of the traffic counts were forwarded to the Planning Coordinator.
3. The Regional Transportation Plan and the draft Transportation Improvement Program FY 1999-2001 have been prepared. An intersection improvement project for the Town of Goffstown is included in the TIP.
4. The Town was furnished with the "Suggested Schedule" for the March 1998 Annual Town Meeting.
5. Provided a video entitled "Community Growth Management" for the use of the Planning Board.
6. At the request of the Goffstown Planning Board, the traffic impact report for the Cinnamon Woods Subdivision was reviewed.
7. An overlay showing the Historic Sites in Goffstown was prepared and forwarded to the Goffstown Historic District Commission.

Goffstown's Representatives to the Commission are:

Robert L. Wheeler

Arthur W. Rose, Milton Meyers, Barbara J. Griffin, Alternate
Executive Committee Member: Robert L. Wheeler

CONSERVATION COMMISSION



L-R: Jean Walker, Alt.; Evelyn Miller, Vice Chair; Jane Raymond, Chairman; Charles Freiburger; William Scimone, Alt.; Henry Boyle, Sel. Rep.; Collis Adams. Missing: Karen McRae; Susan Tucker; Julie Grandgeorge, Alt.

The Goffstown Conservation Commission has had some changes in membership this past year. We welcome Bill Scimone and Julie Grandgeorge as alternates. Vivian Blondeau and David Burl two long time members of the commission have moved on to other activities, we thank them both for their hard work and contributions to the Conservation Commission.

The State of New Hampshire Wetlands Bureau has revised some of the wetland permit process. The former two permit system of minor and major has been changed to include a third expedited minimum permit. This permit is designed to handle smaller projects and can be signed by the Conservation Commission and is generally approved at the State Wetlands Bureau within a 30 day time period. This is an important change for homeowners with applications for driveway crossings, seasonal docks, etc. Another area the commission has become involved with more frequently this year is the Shoreline Protection Act. This act applies to the shores of Glen Lake and the banks of the Piscataquog River.

We continue to work closely with the Planning Board, the Code Enforcement Office and the Public Works Department. The commission assisted our new Director of Public Works Carl Quiram in obtaining the Town's general permit for culvert replacement and drainage swale maintenance.

Chuck Frieburger continues his work on the Piscataquog River Local Advisory Committee, Jane Raymond and Evelyn Miller served on the Land Use Sub-Committee of the Master Plan Update Committee. We continue

to update the inventory on the Piscataquog River and Glen Lake Shoreline and the Conservation Property on Uncanoonuc Mountain. Other areas we continue to work on include education, providing assistance to our schools, trail clean up and maintenance of the Uncanoonucs, and the ongoing survey project. Special thanks to Sue Desruisseaux, Mike Ryan and intern Kelly for their work on Uncanoonuc research.

Our meetings are open to the public. We meet the first Wednesday of every month at Town Hall, unless otherwise posted. Please feel free to attend these meetings and become involved in your community.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Raymond
Chairman

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION HERITAGE COMMISSION



L-R Seated: Marie Boyle; Doug Gove; Philip D'Avanza, Chair. Standing: Eleanor Porritt, Vice Chair; Barbara Mace, Sec./Treas.; Annie Vincent; Robert Gagnon; Roberta Perkins, Alt. Missing: Alt. Terri August; Kathleen France; David White.

1997 proved to be an exceptionally busy rewarding year for the Goffstown Historic District Commission. Goffstown citizens voted to retain ownership of the Grasmere Town Hall. After the positive vote, work began in earnest on restoring the building to its rightful condition to become a credit to the town. Painting of the exterior in a subdued 4-paint Victorian color

scheme highlighted the Grasmere Town Hall's potential. Work has begun on the improvement of the community meeting room through painting and increased storage facilities.

Commission activities have been directed throughout the year toward continued restoration projects. Two funds have been established under town auspices so the Commission is able to accept donations and grants. The Heritage Fund for the everyday operation of immediate, visible restoration and the Grasmere Town Hall Restoration Fund for tax-deductible donations that can be used for long term restorations necessary for compliance of the auditorium with ADA regulations.

Two Open Houses, held in the spring and sponsored by the GHDC members, were well attended and received. The Victorian Mother-Daughter Tea Party organized by JoAnn D'Avanza and Joan Stevens brought most enthusiastic and favorable comment from those attending.

Space at the Lions Club Craft Fair is gratefully acknowledged. The sale of sun-catcher medallions, posters and maps provided most welcome funds for restoration work. The Commission is most appreciative of the Grasmere Town Hall bookmarks and Historic Buildings posters donated by Diane Gove Ryan. The sale of the 1772 reproduction Goffstown maps was approved by the Board of Selectmen as was the use of the official Town Seal on the sun-catcher medallions. The GHDC thanks the Board of Selectmen for their interest, cooperation and support.

Thanks also to the Department of Public Works for on-site work, the improvement of parking spaces at the Grasmere Town Hall, and the restoration of the Hearse House in the Grasmere Historic District.

We are indebted to Thom and Justin Sousa for their generous donation of labor and materials for the attractive, identifying signs on the front of the Grasmere Town Hall.

The publication of two Commission newsletters is an attempt to keep Goffstown citizens aware of Commission goals and activities. In addition, articles are included to inform readers of the groups using the Grasmere building and to provide interesting historical information on Goffstown. The Commission hopes these newsletters have proved to be enjoyable and worthwhile.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Porritt
Vice Chairman

PUBLIC WORKS

The Public Works Department has seen a few changes in the past year. The most significant of which was new leadership at the helm. I began working for the department in May and must say that I have enjoyed being here. The Town has really extended a warm welcome, which has been greatly appreciated. The following is a summary of some of the activities that we have undertaken in the past year in each of our areas of responsibility:

Public Works Administration is responsible for the clerical and administrative functions of the whole department as well as the technical expertise to the Board of Selectmen, the Planning Board and the Solid Waste, Conservation and Sewer Commissions. Administration provides reviews of subdivision plans and out-sourced designs as well as in-house design for many of our projects. Administration also provides the long-range planning for infrastructure maintenance, capital improvements and budgeting. Administration prepares and tracks the annual budget. Administration also provides construction oversight for Town projects as well as subdivisions.

Streets and Drains Division has the responsibility of maintaining all of the Town roads and drainage structures. Each summer, roads are prioritized for maintenance according to the 20 Year Plan. Data is gathered every couple of years on the condition of all of our roads. This information is entered into a computer program. The program takes into account the road condition, traffic volume and roughness and prioritizes the worst roads. Through the reclamation and resurfacing budgets provided for in the CIP budget we do our best to keep up with the road conditions. This past summer we reconstructed a section of Wallace Road. We resurfaced many roads around Town and replaced many culverts. We also did much of the site work on the Police Department addition which saved thousands of dollars in construction costs. Under our oversight the State of NH completed work on a CMAQ grant project on Mast Road in Pinardville. The work should improve traffic flow and safety for pedestrians in the area. Studies were completed of the Main Street Bridge and the Parker Road Bridge. The Parker Road Bridge needs to be completely replaced, whereas, the Main Street Bridge is in need of considerable rehabilitation. This division also oversees the snow removal operations in the winter.

Solid Waste Division is responsible for the Transfer Station, as well as the curbside collection of solid waste and the administration of the curbside recycling contract. This past year found this division scrambling to understand drastic increases in our oversized bulky waste stream. There was an increase of 42% over the prior year and a 32% increase over that halfway through the year. We looked into several options and decided that the best solution was to install a scale at the Transfer Station. Many meet-

ings were spent discussing the problem with the Solid Waste Commission and the Board of Selectmen. Eventually, support was gained for the scale and it was included in next year's budget. The automated trash truck continues to be a major success. This division also negotiated new three year contracts for hauling and disposal of our solid waste and oversized bulky waste. Another significant project within this division is the landfill closure design. We committed to a December 1998 preliminary design date. The final design will be completed by the end of 1999 with construction in the year 2000. This year, we selected a design firm and spent some time evaluating potential secondary uses to be incorporated into the final closure plans.

The Cemetery Division maintains Goffstown's three municipal cemeteries. This season saw the expansion of Shirley Hill Cemetery. A new section was fenced in and a new access road constructed. Some paving was done in Westlawn Cemetery. Perhaps the most notable project was completed by our own Public Works crew at Hillside Cemetery. George Gamache oversaw the restoration of the old Hearst House at the historic cemetery. The building was originally constructed in 1818. Recently, we obtained an estimate of \$15,000 to rehabilitate the structure but we did not have the money. With approximately \$600 in supplies and a couple of weeks of labor George and his various assistants restored the structure. They matched the original construction right down to notched beam and peg construction.

The Sewer Maintenance Division provides technical advice for the Sewer Commission as well as emergency and routine maintenance to the sewer system. This past year a 20 Year Maintenance Plan was developed and adopted by the Sewer Commission for the oldest parts of the system. There were also sewer expansions and a new metering station constructed for St. Anselm College.

The Fleet Maintenance Division is the final division of the department. This division provides for the maintenance of the entire Town fleet of equipment including vehicles from Public Works, Fire, Police and Parks and Recreation. The overall investment in these vehicles, by the Town, exceeds \$3 million. One of the projects for the past year was to computerize the fleet maintenance records and provide inventory control for the parts stockroom.

There are many projects planned for 1998. The remaining portion of Wallace Road will be completed. As with past bridge projects, we hope to reconstruct the Parker Road Bridge with the help of an 80% State grant. We hope to replace sewer lines in the area of Elm Street, Reed Street and Cottage Street. The sewer mains in this area are very old and too small to handle today's flows. We will be computerizing the department which I hope will open more ways to be efficient and responsive to the needs of the Town. Look for us on line at the Town's new web page. I also hope to find

hope will open more ways to be efficient and responsive to the needs of the Town. Look for us on line at the Town's new web page. I also hope to find other ways to share information with our customers about what is happening in our department. We will be doing many drainage projects. Drainage seems to be one of the leading problems in maintaining our roadway infrastructure. We will also be implementing a crack sealing program which will hopefully provide a very low cost way of extending the life of the pavement that we overlay our roads with.

I would like to thank the Town staff, especially the Public Works staff, the other department heads, the various boards and commissions, and especially the citizens of Goffstown for making my first year here a great success. Because of the talented people that I find myself fortunate to be working with, I look forward to a long and enjoyable career here.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carl L. Quiram, PE
Director of Public Works

SOLID WASTE COMMISSION

This past year has been one of change for the Goffstown Solid Waste Commission (GSWC). We, first of all, welcomed Carl Quiram as Director of Public Works for the Town of Goffstown. Carl has attended every meeting of the GSWC since he took over for Don Hambidge, and the commission members would like to thank him for his interest in what we do, his help in doing it, and his overall cooperation in the job of overseeing the handling of solid waste in our town. Secondly, 1997 saw Mike Hillhouse and Russ Lauriat switching jobs. We would like to thank Mike for his years of dedicated work at the Transfer Station and his efforts in introducing the GSWC to the concept of automated collection of municipal solid waste and his help in getting the concept accepted by the residents of Goffstown. We welcome Russ to the position of Recycling Coordinator and look forward to working with him.



L-R: Carl Quiram, Dir. of Public Works; Kilton Barnard, Christopher Conroy, Barbara J. Griffin, Sel. Rep.; Gordon Bartels, Chairman; Joan Stevens; Russell Lauriat, Recycling Coordinator; Barbara Perkins. Missing: Bruce Hunter, Alt. Sel. Rep.; Paul LaPerle; Jay Pitocchelli, Vice Chair; Craig Hieber.

Much of the second half of 1997 has been spent discussing and dealing with an unacceptably large increase in the amount of OBW (oversize bulky waste) coming into the transfer station. This material consists mainly of construction debris and this increase coincides with the opening of the new solid waste facility in Manchester, where everything that comes in is weighed and everything (except recyclables) is charged at a rate of \$100 per ton, or \$0.05 per pound. After much discussion and a visit to the new facility in Manchester, the GSWC recommended to the Board of Selectmen the installation of a scale at the Goffstown Transfer Station and increasing the rates for OBW to be consistent with Manchester. This was not an easy recommendation but one we felt we had to make to better cover the town's costs in disposing of this material. It would not affect curbside collection of either MSW (garbage) or recyclables.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gordon Bartels
Chairman

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Goffstown Police Department handled a total of 15,965 calls for service during 1997, versus 15,909 in 1996. **There were 2,382 criminal and motor vehicle arrests made during 1997, an average of 6.59 per day.**

You will find a statistical summary of complaints and arrests at the end of this report, along with a comparison to 1996's activities. Several categories are noteworthy.

Motor vehicle accidents increased by 10.2% with 712 reported in 1997, compared to 646 in 1996. The number of accidents involving personal injury increased from **65 in 1996 to 84 in 1997**; tragically, and for the second year in a row, there were two fatal accidents which resulted in **3 deaths** during 1997.

In reported crimes against persons, there was good news, and bad news. While child abuse/neglect cases declined, instances of domestic violence, assaults and other juvenile offenses increased. Such crimes are more labor intensive, and more costly to investigate, and have greater impact community wide, than property crimes.

Assault complaints increased 5.9%; from 356 in 1996 to 377 in 1997. Child abuse and neglect cases totaled 116 in 1996 versus 53 in 1997. Sexual assaults increased from 17 to 19. Criminal threat reports decreased 18%; harassment incidents totaled 149, and there were four robberies reported in 1996; three in 1997.

The number of reported narcotics/drug offenses increased over 34%, from 75 in 1996 to 101 in 1997. However, the number of arrests for drug offenses increased by 28%, from 40 in 1996 to 51 in 1997. In concert with the NH Drug Task Force, the Manchester Police Department, the State Police and the Drug Enforcement Agency, the department continues to place a high priority on drug interdiction efforts.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The increase in the reported number of Domestic Violence cases may be the result of several factors. Clearly, New Hampshire has devoted increased attention, and services, to the disturbing nature of violence in the home.

Working with NH Law Enforcement and other advocacy groups, the Attorney General's Office has developed a comprehensive set of domestic violence protocols to be followed by the police, the courts, the health care system, and victim support groups. The Goffstown Police Department has fully participated in this process and follows the guidelines. Increased attention to this issue, may increase the willingness of victims to report.

The department will continue to use every resource available to assist in deterring criminal behavior in the home.

There were modest changes in the number of reported property crimes. Burglaries increased from 53 in 1996, to 61 in 1997. Thefts declined slightly, while criminal trespass increased 32%.

A YEAR OF WORK AND ACCOMPLISHMENT

Each of the two fatal accidents which occurred within the community, involved hundreds of hours of investigation, and accident reconstruction. Our hearts go out to the families of the victims who lost their lives in these tragic accidents. We will continue to do all we can to keep our streets and highways safe, including the continuation of a "firm but fair" motor vehicle enforcement policy.

The department continues its community policing efforts – working with individuals, neighborhoods, and community groups to prevent and deter problems before they occur. During the warmer months, the bicycle patrols are out whenever possible, and DARE Officers, Pierre Pouliot and Dave Moloney, teach this popular program during the school year.

At the July 1997 meeting of the *Commission on the Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc.*, the Goffstown Police Department was reaccredited; thus joining a select group of about 400 other agencies who have achieved this distinctive honor. The department was initially accredited in 1992, and had a successful on-site review in May of 1997.

Captain Michael French, the Accreditation Manager, and the men and women of the department are to be commended for their continued pursuit of excellence.

PROJECTS

Two CIP projects were undertaken during 1997. A 4,000 square foot addition to the police department was completed by December. The additional storage areas, four-car garage, and "soft" room for use in the **Youth Attendant Program**, provide much needed space. A ribbon cutting ceremony and open house was held on December 15th.

The upgrade of the department's computer system will be completed soon. Networked PC workstations will replace the "dumb" terminals throughout the department, and new police records and dispatch software will be on line. When the COPS MORE funded laptop computers are installed in the cruisers, an efficient information network should be in place.

COMMUNICATIONS

Our communications department serves as a police, fire, and emergency medical dispatch center for the Town. In addition, it provides contractual services to the New Boston Police and Fire Departments, and the Weare Fire and Rescue Service. Goffstown derives approximately \$24,400 in annual income from these contracts.

The center operates 24 hours a day and handles in excess of 20,000 total calls for service; 550,000 radio; 88,000 phone and 195,000 teletype and computer messages each year. The center is fully accessible to the hearing impaired.

During 1995, Statewide 911 service became available. From a single answering point in Concord NH, 911 operators route police, fire and emergency medical calls to our dispatcher immediately. The "enhanced" ser-

vice allows the 911 operator to immediately "see" the address and subscriber information from the call's origin.

The Town is in the process of completing its town-wide communications system upgrade; has erected a new tower and electronics hut on the mountain; and will be able to transmit in a trunked mode with data capabilities by the spring of 1998.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The emergency management function is also handled by the police department. Our mission is to maintain and coordinate the Town's emergency readiness capabilities, in the event of a natural or man-made disaster.

STATISTICS INCIDENTS/OFFENSES

Complaint Category:	1996	1997	% Change +/-
Accidents			
Total Accidents:	646	712	10.22%
Accidents w/Injury	65	84	29.23%
Fatalities	2	2	0.00%
Hit & Run Accidents	57	68	19.30%
Investigated	446	520	16.59%
Reported not Investigated	200	192	-4.00%
Crimes Against Persons:			
Assaults	356	377	5.90%
Child Abuse/Neglect	116	53	-54.31%
Criminal Threat	103	84	-18.45%
Domestic Violence	193	217	12.44%
Harassment	168	149	-11.31%
Homicide	1	0	-100.00%
Indecent Exposure	6	4	-33.33%
Narcotics Complaints	75	101	34.67%
Other Juvenile Offenses	170	285	67.65%
Tobacco Violations	-	102	
Sexual Assaults	17	19	11.76%
Robbery Complaints	4	3	-25.00%
Total Crimes Against Persons:	1209	1292	6.87%
Crimes Against Property/Other:			
Alarms	785	763	-2.80%
Arson	13	2	-84.62%
Burglaries	53	61	15.09%
Civil	289	287	-0.69%
Courtesy Calls	868	1788	105.99%
Crime Prevention	370	366	-1.08%
Criminal Mischief	401	410	2.24%
Criminal Trespass	138	182	31.88%

Disorderly Conduct	103	120	16.50%
Dog/Animal Complaints	535	520	-2.80%
Driving While Intoxicated	180	207	15.00%
Escape	5	0	-100.00%
Found Property	169	160	-5.33%
Liquor Law Violations	162	120	-25.93%
Lost Property	47	78	65.96%
Missing Persons	35	25	-28.57%
Motor Vehicle Complaints	566	697	23.14%
Motor Vehicle Enforcement	4531	4444	-1.92%
Motor Vehicle Thefts	19	8	-57.89%
Noise Complaints	248	221	-10.89%
Police Information	5	4	-20.00%
Runaways	44	55	25.00%
Suicide (includes attempts)	18	40	122.22%
Sudden Deaths	6	7	16.67%
Suspicious Persons	199	253	27.14%
Suspicious Vehicles	229	217	-5.24%
Thefts	494	463	-6.28%
All Other Complaints	5537	5195	-6.18%
Total Crimes Against Property:	10512	11498	9.38%
Total Offenses:	17904	18697	4.43%

ARRESTS & SUMMONSES

Motor Vehicle Arrests:	1996	1997	% Change +/-
Speed	597	606	2%
DWI	70	76	9%
Oper. After Revo.	63	54	-14%
Reckless Operation	8	10	25%
Non-Inspection	192	189	-2%
Other M/V Offenses	598	520	-13%
Total Motor Vehicle Arrests:	1528	1455	-5%
Written Warnings(not arrests):	3071	3048	-1%
Combined Total M/V Activity:	4599	4503	-2%

Criminal Arrests:	1996	Juv.	1997	Juv.	% Change +/-
Homicide	1	0	0	0	-100%
Negligent Homicide	0	0	0	0	0%
Kidnapping	0	0	3	0	200%
Assault	250	124	168	33	-33%
Arson	5	4	1	0	-80%
Escape	2	2	0	0	-100%
Larceny	72	47	54	22	-25%
Burglary	9	5	3	1	-67%
Disorderly Conduct	52	36	16	2	-69%
Criminal Mischief	61	26	21	5	-66%
Narcotics	40	16	51	11	28%
Forgery	1	0	1	0	0%
Resisting Arrest	2	0	3	0	50%

Criminal Arrests:	1996	Juv.	1997	Juv.	% Change
Criminal Liability	3	1	0	0	-100%
Other Criminal Offenses	763	0	351	51	-54%
Total Criminal Arrests:	1371	261	927	107	-32%
Total Enforcement Activity	5970		5430		-9.05%
Total Activity Combined:	23874	261	24127	227	1.06%

As your Chief, and on behalf of our employees, allow me to express our appreciation for your continuing support and cooperation.

If any time you feel that you or a member of your family has been done a disservice, please contact me or a supervisor directly. You may be assured that complaints about departmental procedures, or its personnel, will be handled in a fair and impartial manner. Annual statistical summaries of internal investigations are available upon request.

If you have not yet done so, we would invite you to visit our facility at 326 Mast Road. We would be happy to arrange group tours for school children, Cub Scout groups, or other civic organizations.

Please remember – the prevention of crime and safety of the community, is everyone's responsibility.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen R. Monier
Chief of Police



New addition to the Police Station.

GOFFSTOWN POLICE



CHOICE 97
Craig A. Brown

GOFFSTOWN POLICE



CHOICE 97
David J. Smith

GOFFSTOWN POLICE



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William J. Brown

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CHOICE '97

GOFFSTOWN POLICE



Officer King is shown in a white shirt and tie, talking on a telephone. A Goffstown Police badge is visible on his chest.

Officer King
King, C. Goffstown

CHOICE '97

GOFFSTOWN POLICE



Officer Smith is wearing a dark uniform and holding a sign that reads "RESIST DRUGS AND VIOLENCE". A Goffstown Police badge is visible on his chest.

Officer Smith
Smith, J. Goffstown

CHOICE '97

GOFFSTOWN POLICE



Officer Smith is in a dark uniform, smiling. A Goffstown Police badge is visible on his chest.

Officer Smith
Smith, J. Goffstown

CHOICE '97

GOFFSTOWN POLICE



Officer Smith is in a white shirt and tie, sitting in a car. A Goffstown Police badge is visible on his chest.

Officer Smith
Smith, J. Goffstown

CHOICE '97

GOFFSTOWN POLICE



Officer Smith is in a dark uniform, holding a motorcycle helmet. A Goffstown Police badge is visible on his chest.

Officer Smith
Smith, J. Goffstown

CHOICE '97

GOFFSTOWN POLICE



Officer Smith is wearing a helmet and a dark jacket, riding a bicycle. A Goffstown Police badge is visible on his chest.

Officer Smith
Smith, J. Goffstown

CHOICE '97

GOFFSTOWN POLICE



Officer Smith is in a suit and tie, standing next to a car. A Goffstown Police badge is visible on his chest.

Officer Smith
Smith, J. Goffstown

CHOICE '97

GOFFSTOWN POLICE



Officer Smith is in a white shirt and dark pants, holding a motorcycle helmet. A Goffstown Police badge is visible on his chest.

Officer Smith
Smith, J. Goffstown

CHOICE '97

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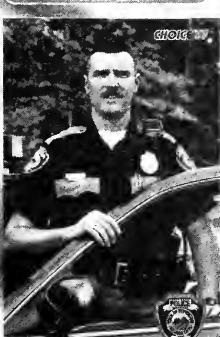


Officer Smith is in a dark uniform, holding a camera. A Goffstown Police badge is visible on his chest.

Officer Smith
Smith, J. Goffstown

CHOICE '97

GOFFSTOWN POLICE



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Officer Smith
Smith, J. Goffstown

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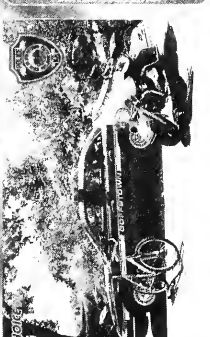


Officer Smith is in a dark uniform, holding a motorcycle helmet. A Goffstown Police badge is visible on his chest.

Officer Smith
Smith, J. Goffstown

CHOICE '97

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Smith, J. Goffstown

FIRE DEPARTMENT

In February of 1997 I was promoted to Chief and have enjoyed the challenge of reorganizing and moving the department forward. This administrative position has come with new duties and responsibilities. I am enjoying this new role as I continue my career helping to provide fire and EMS services in Goffstown. I am committed to providing the best service possible for every dollar spent and welcome any comments regarding our organization.

FACILITIES

The Fire Department has three stations and 15 vehicles. Capt. Paul Nault is assigned as our facilities coordinator and assists with purchasing and facilitating various projects. In 1997 the East Goffstown Station had it's roof replaced and the Village Station had a new roof coating applied. New standby power generators, providing automatic back up electric power, were installed at the Pinardville and Village Stations. This will assure operation of these emergency facilities for extended periods of time. Two projects that were funded in the 1997 budget, and not yet complete at this writing, are the refurbishing of Engine 2 and the installation of Opti-Com, traffic light preemption system at Church & Main St. Funds have been encumbered and these projects will be done soon.

SUPPRESSION & PREVENTION

In 1997 we experienced few serious structure fires. I hope this trend continues and we can make that statement each year. In general, serious fire incidents are down slightly because of a number of factors. First and foremost the public is better educated about fire, there are also fewer smokers, appliances are safer and early warning devices such as smoke detectors are detecting fires before they develop into a serious incident.

Each weekday fire and life safety inspections are conducted by our staff. Lieutenant Bill Connor is assigned to fire prevention and is dedicated to performing a wide range of prevention and education duties. We are charged with enforcement of the National Fire Prevention Association Codes such as the Life Safety Code, Planned Building Groups Code, National Fire Prevention Code and other standards as adopted by the Office of the NH State Fire Marshall. Community planning and code compliance are cost effective methods of reducing fire loss, creating a safe community and controlling the expense of public fire protection.

Please call our fire prevention officer if you would like a home fire inspection. We will survey your heating appliances, chimneys, smoke detectors and answer any questions you may have regarding home fire safety. We also invite group tours of our fire houses by school or other youth groups.

EMS

Emergency Medical Services are being expanded to include more advanced life support. From the onset of EMS in Goffstown, we have been fortunate to have energetic and motivated emergency medical technicians. This is true of both full-time, part-time and volunteers. Some from all groups have become trained in advanced procedures, creating a service second to none. Emergency medical calls continue to increase and last year were 56% of the total emergency calls for service. It is our anticipation that as the population ages and managed care in the health industry continues, our services will be called upon more often. As part of reorganizing our staff, I have designated Capt. Shawn Murray as the EMS coordinator. This will help us better serve the public with the best use of our resources and maintain quality care.

Over the last two years there has been much discussion and debate over the intentions of Optima Health and reducing services at the Catholic Medical Center. This has had some effect on our services and more are likely to follow. What has happened is that the obstetrical and pediatric cases are now directed to the Elliot Hospital and more recently they are requesting the same of orthopedics. At a recent meeting with area EMS providers, the staff of Optima Health confirmed that they are committed to leave the emergency room open at CMC. The intent is to continue full emergency services and we will be able to stop with critical patients. However, if a patient is to be admitted, in many cases they will be transported to the Elliot after being stabilized.

The Goffstown Emergency Medical Services Association (GEMSA) is a citizens group with the sole mission of raising funds to support the emergency medical and ambulance services in Goffstown. This group has been amazingly successful in meeting it's goals. Formed in 1979, they raised the funds to purchase an ambulance and donated it to the Town of Goffstown. The service was established within the Fire Department and has been expanded to include a second ambulance housed at the Pinardville Station. During the daytime the full time paid firefighter/EMTs staff the ambulances. During the evening, volunteer EMTs provide the staffing.

TRAINING

This last year John DeSilva was promoted to Captain and assigned the responsibility of Training Officer. Training, as with any small department, is our assurance of proficiency and quality of service. We train new personnel as they come onto the department and provide a program of on going fire and EMS training.

We provide much of our own training and we also take advantage of any resources for cost effective and productive training. As an example, this past Fall we took advantage of the new burn building facility at the NH Fire Academy. This gave the opportunity for a number of new recruits and seasoned firefighters alike the opportunity for live fire training under very controlled conditions. We have also sent some personnel to other area

towns for various training programs such as EMT, hazardous materials, and firefighting courses.

Our department relies heavily on call and volunteer personnel. Recruitment of citizens to be trained for medical and fire emergencies is an ongoing effort. We welcome applications from anyone in Goffstown for these positions. As a minimum, candidates must be 18 years old, a high school graduate, be in good physical condition and pass a background review. They also must pass a basic recruit firefighter class or be trained as an Emergency Medical Technician. At the Village station we are in the greatest need for call firefighters and there is a need for volunteer emergency medical personnel at all three stations. We provide the training, and insurance. Firefighters are compensated for their time worked and training programs. Please contact the department at 497-3619 if you would like an application or have further questions.

In closing, I need to express a sincere appreciation for the support and assistance from the fire department personnel over the past year. Recognition is also due to the spouses of our firefighters and EMTs. Without their understanding and sacrifice we would not have the many dedicated individuals who provide service. Service that is provided at all hours of the day or night. My hat is off to all of you.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Hunter
Fire Chief



FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSES BY CLASSIFICATION

	1995	1996	1997
Aid, Mutual	84	93	100
Alarms, Accidental	60	59	63
Alarms, Malfunctions	91	105	117
Alarms, False	16	15	21
Bomb Threats	0	0	2
Burning, Illegal	29	16	27
Calls, Good Intent	56	52	33
Calls, Miscellaneous	24	22	10
Calls, Service	93	149	102
Calls, Smoke Investigation	59	56	75
CO Related Calls	—	—	34
Fires, Brush	23	21	17
Fires, Chimney	15	10	13
Fires, Structure	25	27	23
Fires, Vehicle	16	14	14
Hazardous Mat'l Incidents	46	47	33
Hazards, Electrical	25	82	18
Medical Emergencies	672	659	741
TOTAL RESPONSES	1334	1427	1443



TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the N.H. Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws please call our office at 271-2217.

There are 2400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. The 1997 fire season was a safe period for wildland firefighters with no major injuries reported. The drought conditions experienced during the early summer months was a significant factor resulting in the total number of fires reported during the season.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, two mobile patrols and three contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

1997 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported thru December 23, 1997)

FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY

Belknap	58
Carroll	96
Cheshire	63
Coos	29
Grafton	51
Hillsborough	145
Merrimack	148
Rockingham	54
Strafford	63
Sullivan	19
TOTAL FIRES	726
TOTAL ACRES	177.17

CAUSE OF FIRES REPORTED

Smoking	54
Debris Burning	261
Campfire	99
Power Line	33
Railroad	3
Equipment Use	23
Lightning	14
Children	60
OHVR	0
Miscellaneous	130
Incendiary	33
Fireworks	16

Bryan C. Nowell
Forest Ranger

Edward Hunter
Forest Fire Warden

PARKS & RECREATION

1997 was a year that saw continued program expansion at the Parks & Recreation Department. With the cooperation of the MVMS Administration and staff we opened a third summer playground area. We anticipate that this program will continue to grow in the years ahead.

1997 also saw a continued expansion at our playground facilities at both Roy and Barnard Parks. New playground equipment was installed at both facilities with plans to add more equipment to both facilities over the next year. This expansion was made possible through the efforts of the Goffstown Rotary Club, The Pinardville Booster Club, Kidsplay and The Goffstown Friends of Recreation.



L-R: Richard Fletcher, Budget Rep.; Mike Ryan; Dave French, Parks & Recreation Dir.; Bruce Hunter, Sel. Rep.; Lionel Cullerot; Donald Dandurand; Claude LaRoche; Paul Smith, Vice Chair. Missing: Susan Tucker, Chairman; D. Michael McKinnon.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the many groups who have helped the Parks & Recreation Department this year. First of all the Parks & Recreation Commission for all of their support, encouragement, and help. The Goffstown Rotary Club, Pinardville Booster Club, Lions Club, Goffstown Jr. Baseball, Tri-Town Soccer, Tae Kwon Do Karate Club, and Friends of Recreation.

Many thanks to all of the volunteers who have given their time as coaches in our youth sports programs. A special note of thanks to Doug Millard, Mike McKinnon, and Bob Corson for their extra help in coaching our travel basketball teams.

I also want to recognize Heidi Leighton, Ann Beltz, David Turner, Brad Parkhurst, and Kim & Paul McCann for their efforts for the department.

Many thanks to the Police, Fire, Highway Departments and the staff at the Town Hall for all of their help during the past year. Also, my appreciation to the Board of Selectmen for their support over the past year as well as the Budget Committee.

I also would like to express my appreciation to the Goffstown School Board and Administration for their cooperation in use of school facilities this year.

In closing, I would like to express my gratitude to the people of Goffstown for supporting the Parks & Recreation Department. I also want to thank my family for their support over this year.

Respectfully Submitted,
David L. French, *Director*

PROGRAMS & PARTICIPATION LEVELS

PROGRAM	1995	1996	1997
Activity Period	190	128	210
Activity Period, Summer	82	91	63
Aerobics, Morning	90	70	50
Aerobics, Night	190	230	135
Arts & Crafts	245	197	125
Awards Night (4 times/yr.)	600	650	810
Ballet	110	130	175
Basketball, Boys	262	282	288
Basketball, Boys Exhibition Night	30	30	—
Basketball, Boys Travel Team	12	12	—
Basketball, Girls	46	62	61
Basketball, Instructional	50	55	70
Basketball, Mens	45	45	45
Basketball, Mens 30 +	—	—	60
Basketball, Summer	20	20	40
Biking	—	—	35
Bowling Days (3)	—	—	265
Canoeing	18	12	—
Cheerleading	125	100	100
Christmas in August	110	75	103
Clown Day	90	80	100
Concert in the Park/Rotary Club Cookout	100	120	175
Cookout Program	160	160	190
Country & Western Dance	100	40	—
Dirty Sneaker Award	62	70	95
Dog Obedience	350	200	—
Easter in July	215	125	285
Family Skating Night	40	75	85
Field Trips	400	400	210
Fishing Day	25	20	55
Field Day at Barnard Park	—	173	150
Field Day at Roy Park	—	—	150
Foul Shooting Contest	—	—	148
Gallop	225	226	235
Great Pumpkin Hunt	200	200	200
Gymnastics	100	100	145
Halloween in July	—	—	92
Handicap Awareness Day	70	60	65
Hiking, Fall	15	8	15
Jazz Dancing	14	14	10

PROGRAM	1995	1996	1997
Kidspop Concert	—	—	100
Magic Show	—	—	125
Mystery Trip	40	40	40
Open Gym	30	35	80
Peanut Carnival	250	210	275
Photography Classes	20	30	—
Pickle Ball Tourney	25	25	65
Recycling Day	150	150	175
Scavenger Hunts	150	150	150
Senior Citizen Day	115	100	100
Senior Citizen Trip (2)	40	45	80
Senior Citizen Movie	45	40	45
Soccer, Jr.	125	140	150
Soccer, Summer	20	20	—
Softball, Girls (majors)	115	120	90
Softball, Girls (minors)	60	70	125
Softball, Instructional	32	45	60
Softball, Summer	70	106	170
Special Night	100	80	—
Staff Day	—	30	30
Summer Photo Day	40	40	—
Summer Youth Track Nite	—	100	—
Swimming Lessons	673	567	603
Tennis Tournament	20	25	—
Tennis, Youth	130	54	57
Tennis, Women's (Fall)	—	15	—
Track, Evening Youth	—	—	200
Track & Field, Hershey	34	50	29
Trichester Bicycle Show	—	150	—
Volleyball, Adult	42	45	50
Water Polo	—	—	35
Whiffle Ball Tourney	30	30	60
TOTAL	6,747	6,772	7,934

FACILITIES

Recreation Center:

Function Room
 Skating Rink
 Picnic Area
 Basketball Court

Barnard Park:

John Brown Track & Field
 Tennis Courts (4)
 Stark Memorial Swimming Pool
 Playground Area
 Basketball Courts
 Outdoor Volleyball Area

Roy Park:

Tennis Courts (3)
 Softball/Baseball Field
 Basketball Court
 Playground Area
 Roy Memorial Swimming Pool

Pool Attendance:

Barnard Pool	11,018	8,859	10,979
Roy Pool	8,433	3,911	7,428
Total	19,451	12,770	18,407

PUBLIC LIBRARY



This past year has been another one of transition for the Goffstown Public Library – a move to comprehensive, accessible services in a renovated building and an increase in patronage at the Pinardville Branch Library. In 1997, the renovation of the historic High Street building was completed along with the automation of circulation and the card catalog with the GMILCS, INC. consortium. On Saturday, May 31, over 200 people attended the dedication of the renovated Goffstown Public Library; on Monday, June 2, the new automated circulation desk opened up for check outs and patrons received barcodes on their borrowers' cards. Concurrently with the activities on High Street, the Pinardville Branch Library at Goffstown Square was busy with over 1000 more patrons in 1997 checking out over 1500 more items than in 1996.

Children's programs continued their popularity at the library and at the branch. The Goffstown Truck Center continued to provide bus transportation from Bartlett School to the branch for the after school storytimes. The summer reading program, "Take Us to Your Readers", reached toward outer space and attracted over 100 preschoolers through eighth graders to a wide variety of reading activities at both library locations. Older children performed again with singer-songwriter Doug Clegg in the annual family read-aloud "Night of a Thousand Stars" during National Library Week in April. Preschool storytimes and after school storytimes continued during the construction thanks to St. Matthews Church and the Maple Avenue School which provided spaces for these popular reading programs.

The library continued a variety of programming for adults in the community. Programs for adults began at the branch every other Wednesday morning at 10:30 am. These ongoing, informal, participatory discussions revolve around the sharing of memories on a specific subject and are free and open to the public. The library's adult literacy program again pro-

vided free tutoring to Goffstown residents – 16 year olds and over not enrolled in high school – in reading, writing, and math skills and in GED preparation. The literacy coordinator recruited and trained local adult volunteers to provide one-on-one tutoring, created and distributed informational brochures and posters along with media PSA's to publicize the program, and networked with area literacy organizations to reach more prospective students. In September, adult and youth readers celebrated the freedom to read by presenting selections from the works of Shakespeare for the annual observance of Banned Books Week.

The Goffstown Public Library is a member of the Greater Manchester Integrated Library Cooperative System, a non-profit library consortium serving ten other area libraries – Amherst, Bedford, Derry, Hooksett, Manchester, Merrimack, Milford, Salem, New Hampshire College and UNH at Manchester. After years of preparation, the library went fully on line using the automated Dynix System of GMILCS, INC. The book collection was barcoded and entered on the system thanks to dozens of volunteers who continued to donate time to enhance library services. In addition to searching the Goffstown Library's public access catalog in the building, patrons can search Goffstown's collection from home on the World Wide Web through GMILCS, INC.'s on line catalog at www.gmilcs.org.

On June 2, 1997, the renovated Goffstown Public Library officially opened for business on all three floors. The elevator made the third floor reference area and meeting room accessible to all Goffstown residents. The expanded children's area on the first floor created more space for the collection and for programming. On the second floor, the nonfiction stack area was reworked so that the materials could be easily viewed and retrieved. The new entrance off the parking lot was designed to be handicapped accessible and to conveniently open onto the elevator and the automated circulation desk. New carpeting was installed throughout the building thanks to a grant from the Cogswell Benevolent Trust. Samuel P. Hunt Foundation provided money for new furnishings in the children's area and the Saul O. Sidore Memorial Foundation gave a grant to purchase furniture for the new computer work stations. By the end of 1997, the renovated Goffstown Public Library has become a busy full service automated community facility.

A note of appreciation and thanks goes to all the Goffstown residents, businesses, and organizations (especially The Friends of the Goffstown Public Library) for their financial and volunteer support in 1997. The Trustees, the Staff and the Friends look forward to serving the Goffstown Community in 1998.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Bartels, *Library Director*



LIBRARY TRUSTEES

L-R: Albert Packard, Carolyn Benthien, Chair; Barbara Griffin - Trustee and Sel. Rep.; Mark Choquette, Cathy Ball, Vice Chair; William Exner, Ricci Allard, Janet Bartels, Library Director.

GOFFSTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY LIBRARY TRUSTEES JANUARY 1, 1997 – DECEMBER 31, 1997

REVENUE

ACTUAL

Grants	8,135
Gifts/Donations	1,106
Programs – Literacy	425
Fines	4,899
Books	670
Periodicals	2,138
Fundraising	165
Interest	143
Dividends	3,265
Miscellaneous	60
TOTAL REVENUE	\$21,006

EXPENSES

Programs	575
Automation	3,650
Media	84
Books	5,368
Periodicals – Goffstown	5,209
Periodicals – Pinardville	285
Fundraising	290
Miscellaneous	9,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$24,461
NET PROFIT (LOSS)	(\$3,455)

CABLE TELEVISION COMMUNITY ACCESS COMMITTEE

During 1997 we regretfully accepted the resignations of two committee members, Tamblyn Gosling and Howard Sobolov. We thank them for their efforts and wish them well. We welcomed new member Marie Boyle who brings valuable experience to the committee. Anyone interested in serving on the committee should contact Town Hall.

GTV16 has been funded by a 1% franchise fee from MediaOne which is equivalent to about \$14,000 per year, and the town receives another 3% in franchise fees from MediaOne. This year the Selectmen and Budget Committee agreed to increase the amount of franchise fees going to GTV16 which will allow us to hire a part-time Public Access Coordinator. This person will organize station operations and build a volunteer base to promote local programming. We as a committee are excited to be at this point and look forward with great anticipation to the growth of our volunteer base. We have spent years developing procedures and acquiring the equipment necessary to have a strong local access station, all we need now are the volunteers.

We encourage you to get involved, produce your own shows or assist others in producing their shows. Join us at our committee meetings held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at GTV16. See you there!

Respectfully submitted,
James Pingree, *Chairman*



L-R: Travis Roy, Studio Technician; Les Rosenthal, Educ. Advisor; Marie Boyle; David Chabot; Sue Desruisseaux, Gov't. Advisor; James Pingree, Chairman; Doug Gove; Richard Gagnon, Station Coordinator. Missing: Donald Gagnon, Vice Chair

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

General Assistance is financial assistance provided by the town on a short term basis to eligible households. Assistance with basic necessities such as food, shelter, utilities, medical or employment related expenses is issued through a voucher system. Eligibility is based on both financial and non-financial factors. General Assistance Guidelines are reviewed and updated annually.

The town is fortunate to have so many active community organizations which assist households in times of need. Food programs provided by Goffstown Network Food Pantry, SHARE, Salvation Army, Southern N.H. Services, St. Joseph Community Center, and Food Stamps led to a low food expenditure by the town. Clothing and household items were provided by the Clothes Vestree and Salvation Army while transportation was provided by the Goffstown Outreach Program. Fuel Assistance was available through Southern N.H. Services, Neighbor Helping Neighbor Program, Salvation Army, and the Clergy Association. The New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority and Greater Manchester Housing Authority provided housing assistance. The Manchester Community Health Center, Child Health Services, and Optima Health provided health services to uninsured and underinsured residents. The Lions Club assisted needy residents with eyeglasses and other medical needs. Local churches assisted residents with a variety of financial needs. Special thanks to Dan Forbes, St. Anselm College Center for Volunteers, Habitat for Humanity and community volunteers for their untiring work in rehabilitating homes in Goffstown.

During 1997 the Town of Goffstown assisted 58 households and expended approximately \$30,747.35 (unaudited). This increase of nine households and \$5,689 is about a 22% increase over 1996. Goffstown was reimbursed approximately \$23,097 by other agencies and recipients.

The impact of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, more commonly known as the Welfare Reform Act, is now being felt at the local level. Former recipients of state and federal programs are now seeking assistance at the local level as they await their appeals process. The real impact of welfare reform on local assistance will be realized when two conditions occur: (1) when the economy takes a downward turn; and (2) when recipients approach their lifetime limit on the state/federal welfare programs.

This office is awaiting a decision on a technology grant application filed in conjunction with three other towns to implement the WELPAC/BOSS/CROSSCHECK software. This software will assist in the intake process, eligibility determinations, coordinating referrals, tracking payments and liens, and case management.

A sincere thank you to all the individuals and organizations who assist residents in need. Goffstown is truly a community of caring!

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Desruisseaux
Welfare/Support Services Administrator

OFFICE OF YOUTH & FAMILY

During the calendar year of 1997, the Youth and Family Services Coordinator worked with 151 Goffstown families. These families were of varying composition and came from all parts of Goffstown. The coordinator saw 75 single mothers with children, seven single fathers with children, 44 intact families, 16 step-parent/natural parent/children families, three grandparents with grandchildren, three adults without children, and three youths living with relatives or friends. Fourteen of these families resided in Pinardville, 25 came from the Village area, 53 came from the north side of the river, and 59 from south of the river.

Age ranges of the individuals served were quite diverse. The caseload included one youth age 7-8, eight youths aged 9-10, 34 aged 11-12, 54 aged 13-14, 42 aged 15-16, nine aged 17-18, and three aged 19-20.

Referrals came from several community sources. Thirty cases came from the Goffstown Police Department, 44 cases from Goffstown schools, 26 cases from the Goffstown Court Diversion Program, seven came from the various churches, 29 came either on their own or at the advice of family members, and 18 came from either the Goffstown District Court or the YMCA Allard Center Staff. These cases came to the Youth and Family Services with a variety of presenting issues. Thirteen came as a result of violent behavior, 60 were deemed incorrigible, four had substance abuse issues, one was suicidal, 32 had family problems, and 41 came either for court ordered community service, school issues, because they were suspended from school, for employment assistance, or to volunteer or get involved with a meaningful activity.

The time of the coordinator was spent doing short term counseling, crisis intervention, case management, acting as a referral service, youth/teen programming, summer youth employment/volunteers, supervising court ordered community service, attending various training and workshops, coordinating service delivery, and developing new programs.

As far as programs are concerned, the coordinator was directly responsible for Midnight Basketball which 50 different youths attended over the year, adventure programs with the Mountain View Middle School and the Goffstown Area High School Alternative Education classes (reached 17 students during the year) and a one-on-one adventure based program with five Mountain View Middle School youths.

Jon Murray, the Youth and Family Services coordinator is located at the YMCA Allard Center. If you have any questions or need any assistance, feel free to call him at 497-4663.

Respectfully submitted,
Jon Murray

VITAL STATISTICS 1997

MARRIAGES

DATE	NAMES	RESIDENCE	PLACE MARRIED
Mar. 7	James William Barlow Ann E. Hitchcock	Goffstown Goffstown	Manchester
11	Dana Johnson Melissa Mercogliano	Goffstown Medford, MA	Manchester
30	Victor John Becker III Theresa Claire Meade	Goffstown Bethpage, NY	Bedford
Apr. 12	Eric J. Rhodes Rebekah Johnson	Hudson Goffstown	Goffstown
18	Brian Alan Gauthier Barbara Amazeen Woodside	Goffstown Goffstown	Manchester
25	Scott James Lachance Lisa Ann Cook	Goffstown Goffstown	Goffstown
26	Daniel Brian Arute Michelle L. Adams	Goffstown Goffstown	Hampstead
May 3	Roland Dion Karen K. Sweetland	No. Attleboro, MA Goffstown	Goffstown
3	James A. Myers Paula J. Richard	Goffstown Goffstown	Goffstown
3	Alan P. Taylor Trina Watkins	Goffstown Goffstown	Manchester
10	Richard B. Luscombe Jr. Deborah JM Kiazim	Goffstown Goffstown	Goffstown
16	Eric W. Dunclee Kathleen A. Norton	Goffstown Goffstown	Merrimack
16	Charles Warren Hill Bethany Autumn Tunney	Kelseyville, CA Goffstown	Bedford
16	Aaron Schmieder Horsley-Teny Rachel Leigh Tunney	Wilton Goffstown	Bedford
17	Kenneth Alan Martin Emily Jeanne Proulx	Plantation, FL Goffstown	Manchester
24	Kevin Labree Jia-Tz Ju	New Boston Goffstown	New Boston
30	Phillip V. Charte Joyce Gosselin	Goffstown Goffstown	Manchester
31	David Allan Littlewood Diane Marie Vanasse	Goffstown Goffstown	Manchester
31	Robert Dylan Schwartz Michelle C. Raymond	Spofford Goffstown	Manchester

DATE	NAMES	RESIDENCE	PLACE MARRIED
June 1	David Mark Chabot Carla May Dodge	Goffstown Goffstown	Bedford
7	John E. Pothier Brenda Paquette	Goffstown Goffstown	Manchester
7	Scott A. Richer Deborah A. Cazares	Goffstown Goffstown	Manchester
21	Daniel Genest Cynthia Marcotte	Goffstown Goffstown	Laconia
21	Eric A. Rivard Holly L. Murray	Goffstown Goffstown	Bedford
28	Robert Bachand Yvonne D. Gove	Goffstown Goffstown	Goffstown
28	Dennis Philibotte Kathleen O'Connor	Goffstown Goffstown	New Boston
28	Scott James Wilson Julie Anne Lewis	Manchester Essex Junction, VT	Goffstown
July 4	Irving Corliss Kathleen Hennessy	Goffstown Goffstown	Londonderry
4	Rick Allen Hazeltine Tanya J. Beaulieu	Goffstown Goffstown	Loudon
10	David Scott Graham Jean Ann Dion	Goffstown Goffstown	Concord
12	Michael Domingue Ann C. Trainor	Goffstown Goffstown	Manchester
12	Shawn S. Williams Annette Delgado	Goffstown Goffstown	Goffstown
12	Lawrence G. Gamache Julie T. Babineau	Goffstown Manchester	Manchester
19	Laurence Wilfrid McGrath III Kerry Lyn Sirois	Auburn Goffstown	Bedford
19	Nelson Scott Bolding Charlotte Linda MacNayr	Goffstown Goffstown	Goffstown
26	Christopher Orciuch Karen Healey	Goffstown Goffstown	Manchester
27	Brian Thorgerson Amie Tremblay	Goffstown So. Burlington, VT	Plainfield
30	Dean N. Hannemann Bonnie Lynn Luksza	Goffstown Goffstown	Manchester
Aug. 2	Richard Bruce Wood Gail Susan Nickerson	Goffstown Goffstown	Milford
2	Michael Charles Dunn Annemarie McAlary	Goffstown Goffstown	Goffstown

DATE	NAMES	RESIDENCE	PLACE MARRIED
Aug. 6	Michael Robert Chapdelaine Bonnie Jean Willard	Goffstown Goffstown	Manchester
9	Sean Patrick Marler Amelia H. Ball	Goffstown Goffstown	Goffstown
15	Paul G. Lampron Melanie A. Chenard	Goffstown Goffstown	Goffstown
16	Kevin F. Lyons Linda S. Lee	Goffstown Goffstown	Londonderry
23	Stephen Talmanson Paula Puzzo	Goffstown Goffstown	Bedford
23	Gregory P. Neidbala Allison D. Barchus	Goffstown Goffstown	Hudson
23	John W. Wilson Lisa Fischer	Goffstown Goffstown	Manchester
23	Donald N. Beaulieu Jennifer E. Coon	Goffstown Goffstown	Goffstown
23	Lee Patrick Korthas Ruth Elizabeth Somers	Goffstown Goffstown	Goffstown
30	Ricky Scott Stiasny Shannon Jennifer Methot	Goffstown Goffstown	Londonderry
30	Justin Robert Fossbender Melissa Anne Proulx	Englewood, NJ Goffstown	Manchester
31	Michael D. Santoro Sara L. Sarette	Goffstown Goffstown	Pelham
Sept. 6	Joey Rejean Cote Kathleen Marie Mawn	Manchester Goffstown	Hudson
6	Keith Alan Talbot Cecile Anne Gill	Goffstown Goffstown	Manchester
7	John R. Dipietro Sylvia M. Bedard	Nashua Goffstown	Goffstown
20	Marc Gerard Beaudoin Christen Annette Smith	Goffstown Manchester	Goffstown
20	Ronnie Paquette Kelly Beulac	Goffstown Goffstown	Manchester
20	Michael Gordon Lachance Roberta Gaye Lemieux	Goffstown Goffstown	Hudson
Oct. 4	Alan Roland Martineau Danielle Elise Brassard	Goffstown Goffstown	Manchester
4	Jeffrey Frank Paiement Jennifer Lynn Blanchette	Goffstown Goffstown	Manchester
4	Michael S. Blais Tara Gillis	Goffstown Goffstown	Goffstown

DATE	NAMES	RESIDENCE	PLACE MARRIED
Oct. 11	Craig Allen Edsall Sonya Lyn Watson	Goffstown Goffstown	Manchester
11	Charles P. Marciano Donna L. Helie	Burlington, MA Goffstown	Hudson
18	Kevin A. Gagne Danielle E. Dearborn	Goffstown Salem	Manchester
20	Jeffrey Scott Sargent Tia Marie White	Goffstown Goffstown	Dunbarton
22	Lane Albert Fraser Michelle Lee Fratini	Goffstown Goffstown	Manchester
25	Robert P. Dalton Laurie J. Amyot	Goffstown Goffstown	Manchester
25	Albert Robert Desrochers Kathryn L. Kregos	Goffstown Goffstown	Manchester
Nov. 7	Robert Leo Poitras Marcia Lou Berger	Goffstown Goffstown	Goffstown
16	Bruce Albert Bernard Margaret Ann Roberts	Goffstown Goffstown	Manchester
22	Robert J. Peterson Micheline M. Caron	Goffstown Goffstown	Manchester
22	Jason L. Lariviere Heidi Jennifer Noble	Goffstown Goffstown	Contoocook
29	Gary John Duval Jan Ellyn Bogner	Goffstown Goffstown	Salem
Dec. 19	Kenneth P. Genesky Dianne McGuire	Goffstown Goffstown	Goffstown
26	Thomas Henry Parker Linda Beaudet	Goffstown Goffstown	Manchester

TOTAL MARRIAGES: 75

BIRTHS 1997

BIRTHDAY	NAME OF NEWBORN / NAME OF PARENTS
Jan. 9	MATTHEW RYAN SHAW Anthony Joseph and Kristin Marie (Hill) Shaw
9	REBECCA MAE PHILIBERT Robert Burt and Alane Angelina (Desrochers) Philibert
11	BRITTANY MARIE CHAMPAGNE Michael Joseph and Naomi Jean (Lanoie) Kelley
17	ABIGAIL DOROTHY MAILHOT Scott David and Deborah Ellen (Butt) Mailhot

BIRTHDAY	NAME OF NEWBORN/ NAME OF PARENTS
March 20	ALEXANDER STEPHEN HARRISES Stephen Arthur and Jennifer Meg (Yanco) Harrises
26	TIMOTHY JOSEPH PILONG Joseph Francis and Sarah Jean (Stott) Pilog
Feb. 2	JENNA XARISSA MILES John Ivon and Laura Natalie (Guthrie) Miles
8	MAXWELL ROBERT JONES Benjamin Albert and Melinda Jayne (Mattil) Jones
16	SPIVEY DOLL McLANE Michael Patrick and Kristen Marie (Doll) McLane
17	RYAN DODD ROGGENBUCK Rand Dodd and Kathleen Marie (Van Acker) Roggenbuck
17	RENE ELIZABETH ROGGENBUCK Rand Dodd and Kathleen Marie (Van Acker) Roggenbuck
21	NICOLE LYNN PAQUETTE Ronnie Ray and Kelly Marie (Beaulac) Paquette
21	AMY NICOLE DAVIES Jason James and Jody Lynn (Rankins) Davies
21	JULIANNA ELIZABETH SMITH Jeffrey David and Jennifer Marie (Carpenter) Smith
25	ALYSHA AUBREY LEBLANC Mark Elwood and Jennifer Lynn (Philibotte) LeBlanc
26	AUDREY LYNN BEAUDOIN Roger Peter and Donna Marie (Paradis) Beaudoin
26	COLE DOUGLAS CARREAU Michael James and Lorraine Ann (Slaughter) Carreau
March 4	OLIVIA ROSALIND REED James Edward and Janice Marie (Salvemini) Reed
7	MOLLY ELIZABETH HARRIS Brian Robert and Tamara Ann (Heselton) Harris
19	MORGAN TERESA MARCOUX Robert Andre and Karen Maria (Smith) Marcoux
21	MIKAYLA LYNN ECHEVARRIA Emmanuel Lee and Cheryl Lynn (Ackerson) Echevarria
30	ALYIA MARIE SHARBY Scott Ronalyn and Tina Marie (Marchica) Sharby
31	AUTUMN CHRISTINE NORMAND Bruce E. and Sue (Johnson) Normand
April 9	MEAGAN RUTH McGRAIL Thomas Patrick Jr. and Patricia Lee (Florence) McGrail
10	ZACHARY TIMOTHY MEISEL Timothy Charles and Amy Beth (Gardner) Meisel

BIRTHDAY	NAME OF NEWBORN / NAME OF PARENTS
April 11	ZOE KATHERINE SVEDLOW Andrew Jay and Deborah Lynne (Croarkin) Croarkin-Svedlow
21	ASHLEY MEGAN ALLAIRE David Ronald and Lisa Lillian (Lavigne) Allaire
23	REBECCA RIPLEY TEEVAN Kelly Ripley William Teevan and Ann Victoria Norton
26	ANDREW ERIC GLAUDE Eric David and Laurie Ann (Stowers) Glaude
27	ALEXANDER ETHAN CAYER Richard Allen Jr. and Christine Deborah (Cayer) Bean
28	PATRICK QUINN O'BRIEN Richard Sean and Sheila Louise (Strong) O'Brien
28	REBECCA LEE WOOD Patrick James and Sherri Lynn (Whitehead) Wood
May 6	BROCKTON WILLIAM HINES Kurt William and Jillian Holbrook (Peterson) Hines
9	ASA PHILLIP PALKER Phillip John and Lisa Marie (Bergeron) Palker
9	ABIGAIL ROSE PALKER Phillip John and Lisa Marie (Bergeron) Palker
10	GLENN HAROLD STOCKTON John Glenn and Laura Joyce (Glen) Stockton
11	CALEB SPENARD RUSSELL Earl John Jr. and Laurie Ann (Spenard) Russell
12	TESS MAHONEY BARBARO Peter James and Lori Michele (Walters) Barbaro
12	EVAN PAUL BUTCHER Paul Fredrick and Kelly Ann (Butcher) Butcher
15	BRANDON MICHAEL HOFFMAN James Michael and Kimberly Ann (Blades) Hoffman
16	ALEXANDER CHRISTOPHER ROY Andrew James and Jacqueline Dorothy (Cloutier) Roy
18	COLLIN ROBERT DRAPER Steven Robert and Kimberly Ann (Kruger) Draper
20	DACEY ANN LECUYER David Arthur and Lauren Ann (Costa) Lecuyer
27	JAMES RICHARD MAST Stephen Alan and Linda Marie (Menz) Mast
June 1	LEANDRA ANNE NAULT Thomas Roland and Christy-Lee (Lemay) Nault
6	JAMIE LEIGH ROGERS Scott K. and Wendy Sue (Peters) Rogers

BIRTHDAY	NAME OF NEWBORN/NAME OF PARENTS
June	
7	NICOLE ELIZABETH NANOF John Victor and Laura Ellen (Melroy) Nanof
8	LAUREN EMILY GROSS Scott Alan and Tammy (Silverberg) Gross
9	SAVANNAH JO GOULET Martin Daniel and Bobbi-Jo (Boutin) Goulet
10	ALEXANDRA LYNN SORTWELL Wayne Taft and Jacqueline Marie (Aubin) Sortwell
11	ANDREW JOSEPH LOMBARDI Frederick Anthony Jr. and Donna Marie (Hannon) Lombardi
13	STUART JOSEPH GOLDSTEIN Stuart and Nancy Ann (Johnson) Goldstein
17	GRACE ANNE MUNSON George Quinby III and Virginia Marie (Burns) Munson
28	ELIZABETH MARIE ST. ONGE Maurice Raymond and Lisa Marie (Gonthier) St. Onge
29	KAYLEE LYNN PAQUETTE Luke John and Christine Althea (Morley) Paquette
30	ASHLEY EVERETT WOJDYLA John Francis and Karen Mary (Purse) Wojdyla
July	
1	CONNOR JAMES GOLDING Patrick Adam and Elsie Jeannette (Mason) Golding
1	EMILY MICHELE PRUD'HOMME Richard Roland and Linda Madeleine (Paul) Prud'Homme
2	MIKAELA LEE DOWD Clinton and Wendy Lee (Huston) Dowd
15	AMANDA ROSEMOND ROY Mark Joseph and Dianne Alice (Belanger) Roy
17	HANA MARIE GEISSENHAINER Eric Royer and Dawn Marie (Gobin) Geissenhainer
19	NICHOLAS LAYNE HOUSEMAN Ronald Nicholas and Robin Layne (Follansbee) Houseman
21	MADISON LEA OSBURN Adam Jeffrey and Rebecca Anne (Henault) Osburn
23	HANNAH LOUISE BALDYGA Christopher John and Kristen Elizabeth (Hatch) Baldyga
26	MORGAN ASHLEY TAYLOR Daniel Paul and Patricia Arline (Pouliot) Taylor
26	JASON RICHARD THOMAS Richard Mather Jr. and Karen Jeanne (Ricard) Thomas
29	MACKENZIE PAGE PETTENGILL Matthew Page and Francesca Ursula (Fischer) Pettengill
31	REBECCA ANNE LAVALLEY Dean Michael and Anne Marie (Tenhave) Lavalley

BIRTHDAY NAME OF NEWBORN / NAME OF PARENTS

Aug.	1	JOHN MICHAEL LIACOS Mark Christopher and Mary Jo (Farrell) Liacos
	1	EMMA ROSE SANTOS STILLMAN Robert Jay and Cleofe (Santos) Stillman
	3	JACOB ALLEN NAULT David Allen Nault and Linda Ann Massey
	6	JEREMY DANIEL DUHAMEL Daniel Roland and Doris Bernadette (Archambault) Duhamel
	6	PETER CRAIG MADSEN Mark Peter and Linda Anne (Jutras) Madsen
	7	KYLE DONALD ROSS Donald Alan and Katherine Joan (Leone) Ross
	17	ASHLEY KATE KAMINSKI Scott Philip and Jennifer Elaine (Scarlett) Kaminski
	18	JESSICA ANN BAKER Jay Olivier and Debora Lynn (Ulch) Baker
	22	NICHOLAS JOHN BICKFORD Scott Lindsey Bickford and Donna Corine Foote
	26	AUSTIN JAMES SHELDON James Joseph and Christine Melanie (Lamy) Sheldon
	27	ALEXANDRA JUDE LEWIN Stuart Bruce and Ruth Louise (Howard) Lewin
	29	ANDREW STEPHEN CONNELLY Christopher Douglas and Joanne Muriel (St. Gelaïs) Connelly
	29	STEPHAN HENRY CHOUINARD Daniel Andre and Elena Ines (Peratto) Chouinard
	29	EMILY ELIZABETH BONO James Michael and Melanie Elizabeth (Nold) Bono
	31	DUNCAN REED O'REILLY Paul Jody and Kellie Teresa (Wardman) O'Reilly
Sept.	7	BRYANNA LYNNE FOURNIER Bryan Michael Fournier and Jessica Lynne Prime
	8	JONATHAN MICHAEL LAMONTAGNE Michael Brian and Lynn Marie (Mailhot) Lamontagne
	10	JESSICA ANN LANGLOIS Raymond Arthur and Shirley Ann (Nutting) Langlois
	10	RYAN DANIEL BELZ Bradford James and Ann (Rexford) Belz
	14	ASIAH MONET WATSON Tahron Ali Watson and Tonya Ann Smith
	17	AIDAN THOMAS BURNS Thomas Michael Burns and Anne Fairbanks Griswold

BIRTHDAY	NAME OF NEWBORN / NAME OF PARENTS
Sept. 22	JAMISON KENNEDY WEBSTER Scott Bradford and Camille Marguerite (Kennedy) Webster
24	JULIANA KIRSTEN CABLE Jeremy Michael and Sonia (Almodovar) Cable
25	SOPHIA SLOANE ALLARD John Raymond and Karen Elizabeth (Delahousaye) Allard
30	ZACHARY DELVIN HICKSENHYTZER LANSING Robert Franklin and Jane Leslie (Hicksenhytzer) Lansing
Oct. 2	TROY JACOB DEMERS David John and Barbara Elizabeth (Johnson) Demers
14	TERRY ALYSSA L'HEUREUX Kurt Heath and Cory Anne (Szmania) L'Heureux
14	PETER JOSEPH STECKOWYCH Lee Nicholas and Jane Anne (MacDonald) Steckowych
15	TYLER JAMES LITTLEWOOD David Allan and Diane Marie (Vansase) Littlewood
15	CONNOR GEORGE BOURQUE Daniel Albert and Nancy Eileen (McCarrick) Bourque
21	SAMUEL JONATHAN KINGSTON David Jonathan and Heather Sue (McMahon) Kingston
21	MELISSA KATHRYN COSKREN John Joseph Coskren and Dawn Renee Mercier
27	THOMAS FREDERIC NORTH JR. Thomas Frederic and Colleen Marie (Graul) North
Nov. 6	LUCAS ALAN MARQUIS Michael Alan and Michele Lynn (Nalette) Marquis
12	MATTHEW COLE SCANLAN Stephen Matthew and Amy Jayne (Cardow) Scanlan
17	PHILIP CHARLES TATRO JR. Philip Charles and Margaret Ann (O'Neill) Tatro
18	EMILY MAE CURRIER Marc Payson and Roberta Lee (Marchwicz) Currier
22	MYLES MARCELINO VELAQUEZ CUNNINGHAM Scott William V. and Lisa-Marie V. (Velaquez) Cunningham
22	STEPHANIE LYNN CARL Paul David and Deborah Louise (Berwick) Carl
26	MEGAN EILEEN MURPHY Thomas Vincent and Marianne (Finn) Murphy
Dec. 1	RYAN MITCHELL BOSSE Marc Philip and Brenda Jean (Walker) Bosse
1	TYLER JAMES LACHANCE Scott James and Lisa Ann (Chasse) Lachance

Dec.	4	TAYLOR GWENDOLYN FRASER Lane Albert and Michelle Lee (Dezaine) Fraser
	7	GABRIELLE MARIE FITZGERALD Brendon Joseph and Gaetan-Marie Beatrice (Frederique) Fitzgerald
	9	ABIGAIL REBECCA DESROCHERS Daniel Paul and Kathryn Anne (Turner) Desrochers
	9	NATHANIEL JOSEPH LAMBERT Richard Joseph and Brenda Jean (McHugh) Lambert

TOTAL BIRTHS: 114

DEATHS 1997

DATE		NAME	AGE	PLACE
Jan.	3	Sadie C. Olson	92	Manchester
	4	Oscar H. Palmer	85	Goffstown
	4	Ernestine Valade	91	Concord
	4	Ruth Mary Normandin	73	Goffstown
	5	Evelyn Diane Martel	69	Goffstown
	5	Lillian P. Gagne	85	Manchester
	7	William Louis Odesse	62	Manchester
	9	Paul Miller	87	Goffstown
	9	Doris Neily	65	Manchester
	12	Juliette Marie Wentzell	80	Goffstown
	14	George F. Lemire	68	Goffstown
	15	Radclyffe Edward Beebe	83	Manchester
	16	James Edward Osburn	54	Goffstown
	18	Luciano Tuttobene	71	Manchester
	19	Maurice Alphonse Provencher	76	Manchester
	20	Alice I. Juneau	71	Manchester
	24	Alice Irene Costa	71	Goffstown
	25	Joseph Patrick Finnerty	86	Manchester
	28	Jeanne M. Archambault	71	Manchester
	30	Sarah Rose Alongi	73	Goffstown
	31	George Joseph McKiernan, Jr.	50	Dover
Feb.	1	Simonne Blanche Duquette	86	Goffstown
	6	Karl Edward Hoffman	67	Goffstown
	13	Germaine R. Colbert	84	Manchester
	14	Aaron Lee Shank	82	Goffstown
	14	Mae Rose Connell	85	Goffstown
	25	Tgekna Aydret Deokutcg	72	Manchester
	28	Albert T. Lemay	67	Manchester

DATE		NAME	AGE	PLACE
March	5	Angeline Bergeron	90	Goffstown
	7	Doris Desaulniers	67	Manchester
	11	Maria Felecidade Randall	60	Goffstown
	11	David Bernstein	52	Manchester
	12	Alie R. Cummings	91	Goffstown
	13	Antonio N. Soares Jr.	66	Goffstown
	14	Louis Paul Caron	71	Goffstown
	20	Helena Simpson Thomson	78	Bedford
	25	Thomas Matthew Mahoney	55	Goffstown
	26	Lillian Briggs	91	Manchester
	30	Craig Peter Madsen	4	Goffstown
April	3	Ella Delight Rogler	92	Goffstown
	5	Frank Kendrick Gage	87	Manchester
	6	Rose Anna Leclerc	94	Goffstown
	6	Ellen Marie Murphy	48	Goffstown
	12	Marguerite A. Gamelin	77	Manchester
	15	Germaine Donaldal Bousquet	92	Manchester
	15	Robert Henry Lievens	71	Laconia
	21	Warren Samuel Samson	49	Lebanon
	22	Dorothy E. O'Brien	87	Manchester
	29	Noella Poirier	85	Bedford
May	6	Grace Edith Jackson	89	Manchester
	8	Mary Anne Georgantas	78	Manchester
	12	Alice L. Volkmann	93	Goffstown
	15	Marion Cook	53	Manchester
	17	Maria Eichner Burnett	54	Manchester
	18	Anita Lamothe	93	Manchester
	26	Robert Wayne Wright Sr.	74	Manchester
June	7	Noel Hector Paquin	76	Goffstown
	10	Rose Emma Savoie	85	Goffstown
	10	Henri Lucien Dionne	51	Goffstown
	12	Florence Lillian White	65	Manchester
	16	Eva May Lafrance	85	Manchester
	16	Gerard Rattelade	64	Manchester
	18	Alice Lucie Salois	81	Manchester
	19	Cecile A. Isabelle	64	Goffstown
	19	Lois B. Stevens	83	Manchester
	29	Bernadette J. Hunkins	91	Goffstown
July	1	Mary Balukonis	82	Goffstown
	2	Maurice Bilodeau	62	Goffstown
	3	Linda Coletti	44	Goffstown

DATE		NAME	AGE	PLACE
July	4	Mildred E. Welpley	88	Goffstown
	5	Theresa D. Aubin	65	Manchester
	6	Amedee J. Lizotte	88	Goffstown
	7	Martha Y. St. Laurent	82	Bedford
	12	Evelyn Yngve	78	Manchester
	15	Peter M. Shand III	55	Manchester
	19	Armand Dumont	80	Franklin
	21	Wenona Albertine Bolduc	73	Manchester
	23	Albert G. Cote	48	Goffstown
	24	Beatrice Forbes Bean	74	Goffstown
Aug.	25	Francis Joseph Brennan Sr.	71	Manchester
	30	Mieczyslaw Stefanik	78	Goffstown
	8	Earl Young	71	Goffstown
	15	Roland J. Bilodeau	74	Manchester
	16	Josephine Weillbrenner	79	Manchester
	26	Eva Pellerin	95	Goffstown
	30	Berthe Lydia Lesmerises	80	Goffstown
Sept.	3	Luella Palonis	92	Goffstown
	18	Juliette Yvonne Titus	83	Goffstown
	23	Mary Ann Garland	62	Manchester
	28	Albert Joseph Robichaud	83	Goffstown
	28	Evelyn Barbara Smith	72	Manchester
	29	Adeline Gagnon	91	Goffstown
Oct.	3	James Evanowski	52	Goffstown
	3	Frank Hazen Stevens	84	Goffstown
	5	Edward John Sharek	89	Goffstown
	5	Fred Laberton Spencer Jr.	73	Manchester
	8	Agnes Virginia St. John	69	Manchester
	13	John W. Noga	93	Manchester
	25	Timothy John McLaughlin	20	Goffstown
Nov.	31	Bernard Statelman	82	Goffstown
	2	Rita P. Doumas	69	Manchester
	4	Yvonne Pare	94	Goffstown
	6	Eleanor Cotton	94	Goffstown
	7	Arlene Meader	83	Goffstown
	7	Blanche Josephine Potvin	88	Manchester
	11	Rita Cecile Paquette	78	Manchester
	11	Robert E. Fraser Sr.	86	Manchester
	18	Yvette Bisson	73	Goffstown
	18	Gunnar Samson	64	Manchester
	19	Doris E. Heroux	80	Goffstown

DATE		NAME	AGE	PLACE
Nov.	20	Joseph P. Ruais	77	Manchester
	21	Anna S. Cooper	62	Goffstown
	22	Jeanette May Gibson	73	Goffstown
	26	Elsie Orn	82	Goffstown
	27	Bertha Evelyn Luicha	75	Goffstown
	29	Lane A. Fraser	33	Nashua
	30	David A. Downey	56	Manchester
Dec.	3	Lowelor H. Sargent	90	Manchester
	4	Theda Mae Hamilton	75	Manchester
	4	Taylor G. Fraser	2 hours	Manchester
	4	Jacob Marget	95	Goffstown
	6	Mildred Bisbee Wass	98	Goffstown
	6	Helen M. Landry	87	Goffstown
	6	Ruby M. Olivier	80	Goffstown
	7	Norma Harris	77	Goffstown
	9	Kenneth Martin Nelson	87	Goffstown
	20	Roland William Hosmer	64	Manchester
	21	Fernande Laurette Sarette	81	Goffstown
	23	Walter Witalis	90	Goffstown
	25	Gerald Regis Lehman	77	Goffstown
	28	Robert Charles Daniels	87	Manchester
	30	Pauline Marilyn Dion	57	Goffstown

TOTAL DEATHS: 132

INTERMENTS

SHIRLEY HILL CEMETERY

NAME	AGE	DATE OF DEATH	BURIAL DATE
Thelma Deplitch	72	02/25/97	05/06/97
Mary Shirley	88	03/28/97	06/12/97
Robert Fraser, Sr.	86	11/11/97	12/15/97

HILLSIDE CEMETERY

Norma Oxley	69	04/24/97	04/28/97
Frank Gage	87	04/05/97	05/17/97

WESTLAWN CEMETERY

Ruth Normandin	73	01/04/97	01/08/97
Evelyn Martel	69	01/05/97	01/08/97
Paul Miller	87	01/09/97	01/13/97
Frances Rice	89	01/11/97	01/15/97

Andrew Harden	79	01/10/97	01/16/97
James Osburn	54	01/16/97	01/21/97
Ruth Lewis	87	01/18/97	01/22/97
Elizabeth Carr	75	01/28/97	02/01/97
George McKiernan, Jr.	50	01/31/97	02/04/97
Aaron Shank	82	02/14/97	02/18/97
Myrtle Koenig	88	02/26/97	03/01/97
Beatrice Lambert	72	02/28/97	03/03/97
Alice Sizemore	93	03/01/97	03/04/97
Ella Rogler	92	04/03/97	04/05/97
Dorothy O'Brien	87	04/22/97	04/25/97
Evelyn Merrill	93	02/04/97	04/29/97
Sophronia Archibald	87	12/22/96	04/29/97
George Smith	75	04/20/97	05/20/97
Grace Jackson	89	05/06/97	06/06/97
Virginia Campbell	49	06/01/97	06/05/97
Lois Stevens	83	06/19/97	06/23/97
Beatrice Bean	74	07/25/97	08/01/97
Edwin Hardy	85	08/08/97	08/12/97
Josephine Weilbrenner	79	08/16/97	08/20/97
Agnes St. John	69	10/08/97	10/14/97
Lowelor Sargent	90	12/03/97	12/05/97
Simone Eastman	55	12/12/97	12/15/97

TOTAL INTERMENTS: 32

GOFFSTOWN SEWER COMMISSION

At the 1997 Town Meeting a bond issue to bring municipal wastewater service to the area known as Moose Club Park was defeated for lack of receiving a two-thirds majority vote as required by law for all bond issues. Due to the environmental significance of this project the Commission will again present the same bond issue at the 1998 Town Meeting. Funding for this project will be through a bond issuance, State Grant monies, an accessibility fee to those property owners directly affected by this expansion and a user fee. Bond issuances for municipal wastewater projects along with the daily operation and maintenance expenses of the system are paid exclusively by the users of the system through a quarterly user fee charge.

Eastern Pipe Service, Inc. completed the televising of all the municipal wastewater lines constructed prior to 1960. From this report the Department of Public Works created a master plan prioritizing the immediate needs and costs to these lines. This Commission accepted the plan and initiated a twenty year repair program in conjunction with the daily repair/maintenance program that is already in place for the entire system.

A contract was awarded to Eastern Pipe Service, Inc. to reline the Roy Street municipal wastewater line. Also, a contract was awarded to J.A. Brown Excavating for the relocation of a wastewater line. The City of Manchester has completed the upgrade to the Manchester Wastewater Treatment Plant located on Brown Avenue. This plant was designed for a total capacity of 52 million gallons per day (M GPD) and has a present capacity of 33M GPD.

The Sewer Commission was created in 1956 and is comprised of a three member elected board whose function is to administer and maintain the municipal wastewater system. Public meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 P.M. at the Town Hall. Individuals requesting to be on the agenda should contact the Sewer Commissioners' office at (603) 497-8992 to schedule an appointment.

Stephen R. Crean
Chairman

James Bouchard

M. Peter Henk



L-R: Marilyn Hozeny, Admin. Asst.; James Bouchard; Stephen Crean, Chairman; M. Peter Henk. Missing: Bruce Hunter, Sel. Rep.

**GOFFSTOWN SEWER COMMISSION
DETAILED BUDGET (unaudited)**

ADMINISTRATION	1997 BUDGET	1997 ACTUAL	1998 BUDGET
SALARIES/BENEFITS	\$ 43,084	\$ 44,168	\$ 45,238
CONTRACTED SVCS	16,608	4,890	13,000
INTEREST	263,729	261,665	237,894
SUPPLIES	4,860	2,517	3,316
TELEPHONE	940	940	840
POSTAGE	3,500	3,323	4,000
LEGAL EXPENSE	10,000	7,765	10,000
OFFICE EQUIP REPAIR	4,000	1,200	4,000
BAD DEBT EXPENSE	2,000	0	2,000
DEPRECIATION	190,000	190,000	190,000
AUDIT	2,100	2,000	2,200
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	3,000	632	3,000
TRAINING	1,000	259	1,000
INSURANCE			4,200
SUB TOTAL	544,821	519,359	520,688
EQUIPMENT			
EQUIPMENT	24,000	13,854	8,100
MAINTENANCE & LABOR	14,000	14,000	5,000
SUB TOTAL	38,000	27,854	13,100
OPERATING EXPENSES			
CONTRACTED SVCS	30,000	18,006	40,000
SUB TOTAL	30,000	18,006	40,000
SEWERAGE/PUMP STATION			
HAZARDOUS WASTE	1	0	0
SUPPLIES	16,000	3,204	16,000
TELEPHONE	4,000	1,166	3,000
ELECTRICITY	16,000	15,308	18,000
FUEL FOR GENERATOR	4,000	1,174	4,000
REPAIRS	10,000	2,809	10,000
WATER	1,100	287	1,000
CHEMICALS	2,000	156	2,000
CONTRACTED SVCS	4,000	2,995	6,000
SUB TOTAL	57,101	27,099	60,000
SEWER COMMISSION			
PAYMENT TO MANCHESTER	405,022	270,377	429,183
SEWER REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	290,000	64,118	205,000
NEW SEWER CONSTRUCTION	47,200	0	264,931
ODOR CONTROL	185,000	185,000	34,763
SUB TOTAL	927,222	519,495	933,877
TOTAL	\$1,597,144	\$1,111,813	\$1,567,665

GOFFSTOWN VILLAGE PRECINCT

The year 1997 brought more improvements to the Water Precinct Distribution System.

Water is supplied from two reservoirs on Mountain Road when levels permit. When water levels at the reservoirs drop, our water source becomes the two wells near Parker Station. We are very pleased that all of our water samples submitted to the State this year have met or exceeded established standards.

Our new office at 11 East Union Street in a less congested area has proved to be popular.

The quarterly billing program is working well. Two bills each year are the regular water charges and the other two are for bond payments covering the new filtration plant plus other system improvements. This year, billing to customers for bond payments is being reduced about 18% due to state assistance funding, and reduction in bond interest.

In 1998 we will have at least one major project to replace a water main that is too small to serve our needs as the Town continues to grow.

WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Goffstown Village Precinct qualified to vote on precinct affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Goffstown Town Hall in said Goffstown, in said Precinct, on Monday, March 16, 1998, at 7:00 PM in the evening to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE I

To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year, including a Moderator and Clerk.

ARTICLE II

To elect one (1) member to the Board of Water Commissioners for a term of five (5) years.

ARTICLE III

To see if the Precinct will vote to accept the report of the Board of Water Commissioners to appropriate the sum of Five Hundred and Thirty-One Thousand, Three Hundred Twenty-Seven Dollars for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE IV

To see if the Precinct will vote to allow the Board of Water Commissioners the right to borrow in excess of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) due to any emergency that may arise.

ARTICLE V

To hear the reports of the various officers of the Precinct and to pass any vote relative thereto.

ARTICLE VI

To transact any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this 14th day of January 1998.

Allen D. Gamans, Jr., 2000

Raymond Taber, 2001

Henry L. Burnham, 2002

Henry C. Boyle, 1998

Richard Fletcher, 1999

REVENUE
(UNAUDITED)

		1997 Budget	1997 Actual	1998 Budget
3402	WATER CHARGES			
	Metered Water	277,820	287,547	303,077
	Flat Rate	130,000	121,254	106,600
	Hydrant Rental	43,307	45,864	46,000
	SUBTOTAL	451,127	454,665	455,677
3409	OTHER CHARGES			
	Thawing	250	0	250
	Forestry	0	0	0
	Hydrant Repairs	1,000	0	1,000
	New Service	10,000	4,118	5,000
	Turn On/Off	150	500	200
	Service Repair	2,000	819	2,000
	Pools	200	712	200
	Bond Int. Refund	0	1,505	0
	Meter Repair	0	20	0
	Ins. Refund	0	100	0
	Vehicle Repair	0	125	0
	Water Test	0	0	0
	Filtration Plant Repair	0	1,850	0
	New Meter	0	742	0
	FEMA	0	4,430	0
	Misc.	250	426	1,000
	NH Grant Prog.	0	50,060	0
	SUBTOTAL	464,977	520,072	465,327
3502	SAVINGS INTEREST	10,000	16,478	10,000
3351	SHARED REVENUE	36,350	35,878	36,000
	SUBTOTAL	511,327	572,428	511,327
	Transfer Funds from Savings	20,000	0	20,000
	TOTAL REVENUES	531,327	572,428	531,327

GOFFSTOWN VILLAGE WATER PRECINCT EXPENDITURES (UNAUDITED)

		1997 Budget	1997 Actual	1998 Budget
4130	EXECUTIVE			
	Salaries	\$ 77,000	\$ 67,487	\$ 80,750
	SUBTOTAL	77,000	67,487	80,750
4150	FINANCIAL ADMIN.			
	Audit	1,000	1,050	1,100
	Business Supplies	2,000	1,205	3,200
	Office Equipment	0	80	0
	Personnel Supp.	0	409	0
	Safe Box	0	45	0
	SUBTOTAL	3,000	2,789	4,300
4153	LEGAL	1,500	0	1,500
	SUBTOTAL	1,500	0	1,500
4155	PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION			
	FICA	6,000	5,179	6,185
	Health Ins.	14,500	8,750	15,000
	W/C Insurance	2,000	2,498	2,500
	Retirement Fund	2,100	3,754	2,320
	Unemployment Ins.	165	141	125
	SUBTOTAL	24,765	20,322	26,130
4194	BUILDING MAINTENANCE			
	Office Repairs	2,000	0	1,000
	Chlorine Building	0	48	0
	Well Building	0	50	0
	Tank	0	0	0
	SUBTOTAL	2,000	98	1,000
4196	INSURANCE	4,000	2,791	3,100
	Liability, Property	0	0	0
	Vehicle	0	0	0
	Bond	0	200	0
	SUBTOTAL	4,000	2,991	3,100
4197	ADVER/REG ASSNS.			
	Advertise	2,000	235	2,000
	Assns. Fees	0	170	0
	License Fees	0	400	0
	Meeting Exp.	0	160	0
	SUBTOTAL	2,000	965	2,000
4199	OTHER GENERAL GOV'T.			
	Vehicle Expense	1,500	1,488	2,000
	Heat	1,000	299	0
	Rent	5,000	5,500	6,000
	Telephone/Beeper	3,800	3,840	4,000
	Postage	2,000	1,895	2,000
	Electricity	450	163	0
	Computer Support	400	495	500
	SUBTOTAL	14,150	13,680	14,500

GOFFSTOWN VILLAGE WATER PRECINCT EXPENDITURES

		1997 Budget	1997 Actual	1998 Budget
4332	WATER SERVICES			
	Contract Labor	4,000	4,710	4,000
	Hydrant Repairs	3,000	3,343	3,000
	Dam Repairs	1,000	150	1,000
	Service Repairs	5,000	4,543	5,000
	Main Repairs	7,500	8,576	10,000
	Meter Repairs	250	0	200
	Pump Repairs	1,000	890	1,000
	Equipment Repairs	250	60	250
	Road Repairs	4,000	2,973	1,280
	SUBTOTAL	26,000	25,245	25,730
4335	WATER TREATMENT			
	Chemical/Chlorine	7,050	5,277	7,050
	Electric/Filtration	18,360	10,830	18,060
	Heat/Filtration	800	2,031	1,600
	Electric Power/Wells	8,000	9,353	8,000
	Supplies	3,000	1,799	3,000
	Water Tests	2,500	1,376	2,500
	Engineering/Filtration	1,000	0	1,000
	New Services	0	0	0
	Forestry	0	0	0
	Tank	0	0	0
	SUBTOTAL	40,710	30,666	41,210
Debt Service				
4711	#1 Bond - Principal	55,000	55,000	55,000
	#2 Bond - Principal	60,000	60,000	60,000
4721	#1 Bond - Interest	29,213	29,213	25,088
	#2 Bond - Interest	61,170	61,170	59,000
	SUBTOTAL	205,383	205,383	199,088
Capital Outlay				
4901	LAND & IMPROVEMENTS			
	Contingency Fund	10,000	0	10,000
	Capital Replacement	10,000	4,340	10,000
	Upgrading Mains/System	91,319	51,207	92,019
	" inv. outstanding	0	26,980	0
	SUBTOTAL	111,319	82,527	112,019
4902	MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT			
	Household Meters	3,000	1,821	3,000
	New Equipment	4,000	2,693	4,000
	New Hydrants	10,000	2,220	10,000
	Generator	0	0	0
	Wellhead Protection Prog.	0	6,657	0
	SUBTOTAL	17,000	13,391	17,000
4903	BUILDINGS			
	CIP - Vehicle	2,500	2,500	3,000
	SUBTOTAL	2,500	2,500	3,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		\$531,327	\$468,044	\$531,327

GRASMERE VILLAGE WATER PRECINCT

The Grasmere Village Water Precinct closed its year 1997 with a new pump station located on Juniper Drive. This is a fully automated pump station which is now fully operational. This pump station was built to provide Mountain View Estates development the required water needed for homeowners.

The Precinct has also applied for low interest municipal loans through the State of New Hampshire in order to be used for continuation of a new water main from the Goffstown Back Road to Manchester and for repair and replacement of existing water mains in the Mast Road area.

The Commissioners of the Grasmere Village Water Precinct meet once a month at the Grasmere Town Hall/School House #9.

WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Grasmere Village Precinct qualified to vote on precinct affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at Grasmere Town Hall / School House #9 in said Goffstown, in said Precinct, on March 28, 1998, at 7:00 PM in the evening to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1

To choose a Moderator for the years 1998 and 1999.

ARTICLE 2

To choose a Clerk for the years 1998 and 1999.

ARTICLE 3

To choose a Treasurer for the years 1998 and 1999.

ARTICLE 4

To choose a Commissioner for the year 1998.

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Precinct will vote to approve the budget as proposed by the Commissioners and approved by the Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 6

To hear the reports of the Treasurer and Clerk for the year 1997.

ARTICLE 7

To act upon any unfinished business from previous meetings.

ARTICLE 8

To discuss and act upon any other business which may rightfully come before said meeting.

This is the Precinct's Annual Meeting and it is hoped that all residents of the Grasmere Village Water Precinct will attend and support the District.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE GRASMERE VILLAGE WATER PRECINCT

Arthur W. Rose, Jr.

Theodore Rohr

William Swanson

GRASMERE VILLAGE WATER PRECINCT**REVENUE**

	1997 Budget	1997 Actual	1998 Budget
Balance on hand 1/1/97	—	8,903	—
Hydrant Rentals	9,320	9,320	9,320
Water Rents	77,470	87,728	78,000
New Installations	3,210	3,823	3,210
Interest	725	165	725
Contract Medford Farms	4,800	0	4,800
SUBTOTALS	\$95,525	\$109,939	\$96,055
Transferred from Capital Reserve		40,000	11,000
TOTAL	\$95,525	\$149,939	\$107,055

EXPENDITURES

Cost of Water	\$55,000	\$48,232	\$55,000
Salaries	4,200	4,000	4,400
Contract Labor	15,250	7,380	15,250
Maintenance Supplies	3,000	1,834	3,000
Office Supplies, Postage, Phone	1,500	884	1,500
Telephone, Electricity	2,000	2,041	2,500
Meter & Water Testing	600	172	600
Bond & Insurance	—	—	—
Snow Plowing	800	0	800
Miscellaneous	1,200	45,360	1,200
Trans. to Capital Fund	5,000	25,000	5,000
Capital Expenditures	—	—	—
Auditing	—	—	500
Manchester Water Contract	—	—	11,000
TOTALS	\$88,550	\$134,903	\$100,750

BALANCE SHEET**ASSETS**

Cash on hand 12/31/97 (General Fund Check Book)	\$15,035
On Dep. NHDPIP Cap. Res.	\$27,224
Int. Earned on Cap. Reserve for Mo.	\$ 519
Total Cash Available	\$42,778

LIABILITIES

Bills Owed by Precinct (Contract Labor)	\$0
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OFFICIAL BALLOT

1998 GOFFSTOWN, NON-PARTISAN

GOFFSTOWN, NEW HAMPSHIRE

MARCH 10, 1998

Town Clerk
Marlene Gamans

SELECTMEN

For 3 Years Vote for TWO

HENRY C. BOYLE
PETER GEORGANTAS
BARBARA GRIFFIN

(Write-In)

(Write-In)

MODERATOR

For 2 Years Vote for ONE

RODNEY L. STARK

(Write-In)

BUDGET COMMITTEE

For 3 Years Vote for FOUR

JOHN S. DAVIS
GEORGE FULLERTON
TIMOTHY J. HANSON
THOMAS W. HOWEY
PETER H. JENNINGS
WILLIAM C. TUCKER

(Write-In)

(Write-In)

(Write-In)

(Write-In)

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

For 3 Years Vote for ONE

EZRA P. BECK
TIMOTHY P. KENNEY

(Write-In)

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

For 3 Years Vote for TWO

CAROLYN BENTHIEN
ALBERT PACKARD
KENNETH ROSE

(Write-In)

(Write-In)

PLANNING BOARD

For 3 Years Vote for TWO

GOSSETT W. McRAE
JAMES RAYMOND
PAUL C. SCANNELL

(Write-In)

(Write-In)

PLANNING BOARD

For 1 Year Vote for ONE

COLLIS G. ADAMS
MILES J. PHILLIPS

(Write-In)

SEWER COMMISSION

For 3 Years Vote for ONE

PETER HENK

(Write-In)

SUPERVISOR OF CHECKLIST

For 6 Years Vote for ONE

HELEN M. SKOGLUND

(Write-In)

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

For 3 Years Vote for ONE

STEVEN MURPHY

(Write-In)

ARTICLE 2

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 1 as proposed by petition of the voters of Goffstown:

Shall the Town amend the zoning district by changing the zoning of **Map 21 Lot 97 from Residential 2 (R-2) District to Residential Small Office and Business District (RSBOD)**. The property address is 489 Mast Road. Located at the northeast corner of Mast Road and Lynchville Park Road.

(Submitted by Petition) (Recommended by the Planning Board)

ARTICLE 3

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 2 as proposed by petition of the voters of Goffstown:

Shall the Town amend the zoning district by changing the zoning of **Map 4 Lot 20 from Conservancy (CO) District to Residential 1 (R-1)**. This 50 acre lot is located on Lesnyk Road between Mountain Road and Leach Hill Road.

(Submitted by Petition) (Not Recommended by the Planning Board)

ARTICLE 4

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 3 as proposed by petition of the voters of Goffstown:

Shall the Town amend the zoning ordinance by amending Article V, Section C3k by deleting the Wireless Communication ordinance, as special exception, from the Agricultural District (Article V, section C3k) and the Conservancy District (Article V, Section D3e).

(Submitted by Petition) (Not Recommended by the Planning Board)

ARTICLE 5

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 4 as proposed by petition of the voters of Goffstown:

Shall the Town amend the zoning district by changing the zoning of **Map 30 Lot 47 from Residential 1 (R-1) District to Residential Small Business and Office District (RSBOD)**. The property address is 101 Mast Road.

(Submitted by Petition) (Not Recommended by the Planning Board)

ARTICLE 6

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 5 as proposed by petition of the voters of Goffstown:

Shall the Town amend the zoning district by changing the zoning of **Map 30 Lot 46-A from Residential 1 (R-1) District to Residential Small Business and Office District (RSBOD)**. This lot is located at 95 South Mast Street, Sue's Barber Shop and Salon. This lot abuts a residential small business and office district.

(Submitted by Petition) (Not Recommended by the Planning Board)

ARTICLE 7

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article III, Section B, by deleting definition 86 (**Wireless Communications Facility**) and renumbering thereafter. Amend **Article V, Section C3k** by deleting the section in its entirety, including the **Performance Standard in Appendix A**. Amend **Article V, Section D3e** by deleting the section in its entirety. Amend **Article V, Section E3g** by deleting the section in its entirety. Amend **Article V, Section F3g** by deleting the section in its entirety. Amend **Article V, Section B3d**, by deleting “...or communications facility”. Amend **Article V, Section D3c**, by deleting “...services transmission and reception towers” and replacing it “**Public Utility and Utility Substations**” and delete **Article V, Section D3c**, subsections “(5), (6), (8), (9)...tower and”. Amend **Article V, Section F3e** by deleting “...services transmission and reception towers” and replacing it “**Public Utility and Utility Substations**”, deleting **Article V, Section F3e**, subsections “(5), (6), (8), (9)...tower and” and deleting **Article V, Section F3f**. Amend **Article V**, by adding a new **Article VII and re-numbering thereafter** - Telecommunications Facility Ordinance.

The purpose of this zoning amendment is to delete the current Wireless Communications Ordinance and all references to it in the various zoning districts, delete all references to communication towers in general in the various zoning districts, and to adopt a new Telecommunication Facility Ordinance that will regulate the installations of all Telecommunication Facilities within the Town of Goffstown in accordance with the Telecommunication Act of 1996.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

ARTICLE 8

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article IV, Section F2e(9) (**Portable signs**) by deleting the section in its entirety.

The purpose of this zoning amendment is to permit the use of portable signs on a temporary basis instead of as part of the permanent sign size allowance.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

ARTICLE 9

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend **Article IV, Section C3b** by deleting it in its entirety and inserting in its place “b. Restoration - Any nonconforming structure that has been damaged or destroyed by fire or other casualty may be repaired or replaced provided

the repaired or replaced structure is, to all intent and purposes, in the same location and as closely as practicable the same as the nonconforming structure that is being repaired or replaced. This right shall expire one (1) year after the damage has occurred and any structure constructed thereafter must conform with the provisions of this ordinance."

The purpose of this zoning amendment is to allow non-conforming structures damaged by fire or other casualty to be re-built within the same footprint.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

ARTICLE 10

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 9 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article VII (or Article VIII, if Article 7 passes), Section 1a (**Membership**) by adding the following after "...shall consist of five members..." the phrase "...and five alternate members..."

The purpose of this zoning amendment is to increase the alternate membership of the Zoning Board of Adjustment from three (3) members to five (5) members.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

ARTICLE 11

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 10 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article V, Section G (Residential Small Business and Office District), by deleting the section as currently written and re-adopting Article V, Section G (Residential Small Business and Office District) under R.S.A. 674:21 (Innovative Land Use Controls) and 674:16 (Grant of Power).

The purpose of this zoning amendment is to give the Planning Board the authority to grant Conditional Use Permits and the flexibility to guide the development of this district in accordance with the goals of the master plan.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

ARTICLE 12

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 11 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Shall the Town amend the zoning district by changing the zoning of the following lots from Residential 2 (R-2) to Residential Small Business and Office District (RSBOD):

Map 16, Lots 38, 59, 60, 62, 149, 150, 151 and 172

Map 17, Lots 65, 66 and 80

Map 18, Lot 47

Map 20, Lots 3A, 8A, 9, 17, 18, 19 and 20

Map 21, Lots 1,11,12,14,22,23,24,25,29,97,98,99,101,105,107,108,109,110 and 111

The purpose of this article includes placing additional lots in the RSBOD district that are consistent with adjacent uses on Mast Road from the Manchester line to the Route 114 Intersection.

(Recommended by the Planning Board)

ARTICLE 13

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Eighteen Thousand Three Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$818,300.00) for the purpose of financing the municipal wastewater line expansion into the area known as Moose Club Park (Moose Club Park Road, Shore Drive, Channel Lane), to authorize the purchase of such land as is required to carry out this purpose, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$818,300.00 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) as amended, and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, the maturity and the other terms and provisions thereof, as may be in the best interests of the Town. It is the intent of the Goffstown Sewer Commission to repay this bond issuance through a combination of a State Grant, existing fund balance, sewer user fees and by charging a \$5,000 accessibility fee to each property that will be connecting to this lateral. (2/3 ballot vote required)

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation since it contains no anticipated increase in fees or taxes.)

(The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation)

ARTICLE 14

Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$200,000 for the Capital Reserve Fund established in 1997 under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of the closure of the landfill.

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation)

(The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation)

ARTICLE 15

Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$555,000 for rebuilding the bridge over the Piscataquog River on Parker Road. \$444,000 of this appropriation will be reimbursed to the Town by the State.

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation)

(The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation)

ARTICLE 16

Shall the Town of Goffstown raise and appropriate \$35,000 as requested by the Planning Board for studying telecommunication facilities including towers and antennas.

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation)

(The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation)

ARTICLE 17

Shall the Town approve the cost items in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Goffstown by its Board of Selectmen and the International Association of Fire-Fighters Local 3420 representing the employees in the bargaining unit from the Fire Department running through December 31, 2000 and shall the Town raise and appropriate \$11,215 for the additional cost of the contract in 1998. The additional costs for 1999 over the costs in 1998 will be \$16,923. The additional costs for 2000 over the costs in 1999 will be \$17,054. This contract is based on an annual Cost of Living increase of 2%.

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation)

(The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation)

ARTICLE 18

Shall the Town approve the cost items in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Goffstown by its Board of Selectmen and the International Brotherhood of Police Officers, Local No. 371 representing the employees in the bargaining unit from the Police Department running through December 31, 2000 and shall the Town raise and appropriate \$11,546 for the additional cost of the contract in 1998. The additional costs for 1999 over the costs in 1998 will be \$22,531. The additional costs for 2000 over the costs in 1999 will be \$22,539. This contract is based on an annual Cost of Living increase of 2%.

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation)

(The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation)

ARTICLE 19

Shall the Town approve the cost items in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Goffstown by its Board of Selectmen and the Teamsters Local 633 of New Hampshire representing the employees in the bargaining unit from the Department of Public Works running through December 31, 2000 and shall the Town raise and appropriate \$24,009 for the additional cost of the contract in 1998. The additional costs for 1999 over the costs in 1998 will be \$18,715. The additional costs for 2000 over the costs in 1999 will be \$18,668. This contract is based on an annual Cost of Living increase of 2%.

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation)

(The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation)

ARTICLE 20

Shall the Town of Goffstown raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, for the purposes set forth therein, totalling \$10,658,665? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$10,624,731, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Goffstown or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation)

(The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation)

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION
GOFFSTOWN, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 10, 1998**

School District Clerk
Jo Ann D'Avanza

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

For Three (3) Years

Vote for THREE (3)

Craig S. Hieber

Karl R. MacGibbon

Suzanne Tremblay

Ellen Vermokowitz

ARTICLE 2

Shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of FOURTEEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$14,500,000.00) for the construction of addition(s) to the Goffstown Area High School, for renovations to the existing building, for the payment of furnishings, equipment, architectural and other fees, site development and related incidental and necessary costs for such construction and existing school renovation pursuant to the plans and specifications as may be approved by the School Board, copies of which shall be on file with the School Administrative Unit #19 Office in Goffstown, New Hampshire; and (1) to raise such sum by the issuance of bonds or notes of the District in an amount not to exceed FOURTEEN MILLION TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$14,250,000.00) in accordance with the provisions of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, the form and terms of said bonds or notes including the time and place for the payment of interest, the rate of interest, and provisions for the sale of said bonds, or notes and all other matters in connection therewith to be left to the discretion of the School Board, and (2) further, to specifically appropriate to the payment of the costs of said construction, interest payments and legal fees up to TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$250,000.00) from any interest which may be earned on the proceeds of the sale of the bonds or notes or any premium therefrom; or to take any other action in relation thereto? This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #8, the operating budget article. (2/3 majority vote required.)

(School Board recommends this article.)

(The Budget Committee does not recommend this article.)

ARTICLE 3

Shall the school district accept the provisions of RSA 195 (as amended) providing for the establishment of a cooperative school district, together with the school districts of Dunbarton and New Boston, in accordance with the provisions of the proposed articles of agreement filed with the school district clerk?

(The School Board recommends this article.)

ARTICLE 4

Shall the District affirm and be bound by the financial provisions of a one year collective bargaining agreement entered into by and between the Goffstown School Board and the Goffstown Educational Support Staff, NEA-New Hampshire covering the year 1998-99, wherein the estimated increased cost for the 1998-99 is NINETY THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY FOUR DOLLARS AND EIGHTY CENTS (\$93,744.80) to cover salaries and benefits; and further to raise and appropriate the sum of SEVENTY NINE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY FOUR DOLLARS AND EIGHTY CENTS (\$79,744.80) for the purpose of funding the 1998-99 year of said collective bargaining agreement, and to take FOURTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$14,000.00) from the Food Service Revenue Accounts for the purpose of funding the balance of the said 1998-1999 collective bargaining agreement, or to take any other action in relation thereto? This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #8, the operating budget article.

(School Board recommends this article.)

(The Budget Committee recommends this article.)

ARTICLE 5

Shall the District affirm and be bound by the financial provisions of a one year collective bargaining agreement entered into by and between the Goffstown School Board and the Goffstown Education Association covering the year 1998-1999, wherein the estimated increased cost for 1998-99 is TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWENTY TWO DOLLARS (\$275,922.00) to cover salaries and benefits; and further to raise and appropriate the sum of TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWENTY TWO DOLLARS (\$275,922.00) for the purpose of funding the 1998-1999 year of said collective bargaining agreement, or to take any other action in relation thereto? This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #8, the operating budget article.

(The School Board recommends this article.)

(The Budget Committee recommends this article.)

ARTICLE 6

Since we have already completed a study, shall the Goffstown School District accept the report of the 1997-1998 committee and not form a new committee to consider withdrawal from the School Administrative Unit (SAU 19)?

ARTICLE 7

Shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of ONE HUNDRED SIXTY SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$166,000) for the purpose of replacing the Heating Boilers at Goffstown Area High School or to take any action in relation thereto? This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #8, the operating budget article. This action will not take place should Article #2 be voted in the affirmative.

(The School Board recommends this article.)

(The Budget Committee recommends this article.)

ARTICLE 8

Shall the Goffstown School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling EIGHTEEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY TWO DOLLARS AND FORTY THREE CENTS (\$18,577,752.43.) Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be EIGHTEEN MILLION ONE HUNDRED NINETY ONE THOUSAND FORTY SIX DOLLARS (\$18,191,046.00), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Goffstown School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only?

(The School Board recommends this article.)

(The Budget Committee does not recommend this article.)

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

SCHOOL BOARD YEAR IN REVIEW

1997 has been a remarkable year for the Goffstown School District. In the Fall of '96, Lynn Ellis was named Teacher of the Year for the State of New Hampshire. Lynn teaches Social Studies at MVMS and those of us who know her were not at all surprised that she received this award. She represented our state and our community with distinction and we shared a sense of pride in her accomplishments. We were also proud to have Leo Labrecque of Maple Avenue School named Custodian of the Year and Mountain View Middle School chosen as Middle School of the Year.

In January, the Board approved a plan for a summer school program to be offered at MVMS. The program consisted of some enrichment courses and courses to help students strengthen their skills in certain academic courses.

The Board took advantage of the facilities of GTV40 and hosted a live call-in program for citizens to ask direct questions about the proposed 97/98 school budget. This was a new experience for us and for our community and we hope to do more of this in the future.

Curriculum has been a focus in the SAU #19 schools for almost two years and we are beginning to see the results of so much hard work. A new grade K to three curriculum is being piloted this year in all four of the SAU's elementary schools, a grade four to six curriculum is due in the Spring, and a grant will fund hiring some professionals to assist in the work needed to develop a plan for grades seven to ten. The Goffstown School Board, the Superintendent's Office and our administrative staff are committed to the development of a challenging program with an appropriate implementation process and the necessary assessment tools to be able to know if the new curriculum is having the desired impact on our educational programs.

Goffstown Area High School had been involved in a self study for more than a year in preparation for the arrival of the visiting team from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. The team spent several days at the High School observing classes, meeting with staff, administration, students and the Board. They also spent time inspecting the building itself and other facilities that service our students. While we were not expecting to pass with flying colors, we were surprised when our school was put on "warning" and in real danger of losing its accreditation. The team submitted a detailed report that addresses all the areas in academics and facilities that they found to be inadequate and in some cases dangerous. We must submit a report in August of '98 detailing the steps that are being taken to address and improve the identified problems. The Board has submitted a budget for the 98/99 school year that includes funds to deal with our "warning" status. We have requested the funding of a Civics teacher and two Curriculum Coordinators and funds to begin to address the problems with the building itself. It is imperative that the community support these funds;

loss of accreditation can be very damaging to the college bound students and is an embarrassment to the whole community.

Days after the visiting team left, the students of the Yankee Thespian Showcase arrived from all over New England, New York and Canada for a weekend of outstanding drama presentations. This was a wonderful opportunity for our school community to shine and they, once again, made us proud.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the outstanding work of our support personnel. GHS hosted the Odyssey of the Mind competition the day before the NEAS&C visiting team arrived and our custodial staff had the building spotlessly clean for their inspection the next day. Throughout the year our school facilities are used most nights and weekends and our support staff personnel work hard and take pride in maintaining clean and presentable facilities.

Much controversy arose from the distribution of informational flyers by the Board to the registered voters of the Town of Goffstown. The Board did not undertake this action lightly and sought the opinion of legal counsel before the first flyer was sent. Having received the positive opinion of our attorney, the first flyer was mailed out. While some in town did not agree with this action, the process was on firm legal ground. The process for the second flyer, we were to learn, was not on that same firm ground. The process of using a telephone poll of the Board to authorize the second flyer was challenged by Mr. William McKenzie of the Goffstown Taxpayers Association. It is clear that the judge would have ruled that the telephone poll did not give the public an opportunity to have input into the decision making process. Rather than waste tax dollars by continuing the court proceedings, the Board agreed to a settlement of \$160 to reimburse the Association for their costs. At no time, however, did the judge state that the School Board did not have the right to expend public funds to communicate with the citizens of our community.

Many personnel changes occurred in the district in 1997. Assistant Principal Michael Henderson (MVMS) and Judy Evans (GHS) left to accept principalships in other districts. We welcomed John Farese as the new Assistant Principal at GHS and Sandra Davis as Associate Principal at MVMS and Kathleen Dodwell moved from the staff at MVMS to the position of Principal at Bartlett Elementary School. In the SAU office, Carolann Waiss accepted an Assistant Superintendent's position in Laconia. Goffstown's Supervisor of Maintenance and Grounds, Denis Lemire, returned to work in the construction industry and we welcomed Jerry Agate to fill this important position. We wish all of these people great success in their new positions.

The Board was pleased to be able to announce a \$.71 decrease in the school side of our property tax bill. Careful management of the 96/97 budget and aggressive work by the SAU Business Administrator, Roger Descheneau made the decrease possible. The SAU #19 Board is in the midst of its search for a new Superintendent of Schools, Goffstown member Craig

Hieber is the chair of the committee and he reports that the SAU Board will be interviewing finalists by the end of February, 1998.

Work on the 98/99 budget began in early November and has been a thoughtful and deliberate process for the Goffstown School Board. We have dealt with the needs associated with the High School's accreditation, with the addition of two buses, the federally mandated replacement of oil tanks, the necessary replacement of the GHS boiler, an ever increasing special education budget and all the other issues that make up a budget of more than eighteen million dollars. We feel that we are presenting the voters with a responsible budget that meets the real needs of our school district. There will also be a warrant article for additions and renovations to Goffstown High School. Our building is over thirty years old and no longer meets the needs of its students. The proposed plan refurbishes the existing building while providing the space for growth through additions and reclamation of existing space.

The Cooperative District Committee has made a recommendation to adopt its articles of agreement for Dunbarton, Goffstown and New Boston to form one cooperative school district. I would like to thank Randy Benthien and all the members of the committee for their months of incredibly difficult work. This group met weekly for most of 1997 and had an extremely challenging task to accomplish. Thank you!

Suzanne Tremblay, *Chair*



L-R: Randall Benthien, Michael York, Vice Chair; Craig Hieber, Pamela Vezinat Manney; Jane Raymond; Ellen Vermokowitz; Virginia McKinnon; Suzanne Tremblay, Chairman; William Totherow. Missing: Jill Stogniew, Student Member

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

DR. EUGENE W. ROSS, INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

1997 was a very busy year for SAU 19 and the three individual School Districts of Dunbarton, Goffstown, and New Boston. The new administrators have settled in to their respective schools and are reviewing all those facets of a school's daily operation. Continuing modifications of offerings and procedures are taking place.

One of the major efforts undertaken during these past months is the pilot testing of a new grades 1-3 curriculum. This work was completed by teachers in all our districts. This work, that had been planned and started earlier, was enhanced by the data gathered by the New Hampshire Assessment testing of the third grade.

Another effort undertaken as a result of passed warrant articles was the formation of and the extensive meetings of the Cooperative School District Planning Committee. Articles of Agreement have been developed and approved by the State Board of Education (12/15/97). Many public meetings have been held to keep the public informed. Also, many news reports have been published outlining the committee's work. The results will be brought to closure via the vote to be taken on March 7, 1998 in Dunbarton and March 10, 1998 in Goffstown and New Boston.

A third major effort is one that will benefit all districts and especially the students who attend Goffstown Area High School. The New England Association of Schools and Colleges submitted a final report that listed numerous needs to be considered and carried out so that Goffstown Area High School can continue its accreditation. Major areas of concern are the condition of the building, curriculum offerings, and availability of curriculum materials.

Committees have been reformed by the High School administration to address the curriculum and course offering issues. Another effort has been undertaken with the employment of a School Building Designer who is preparing drawing and specifications for a renovated and added-to Goffstown Area High School. A warrant article is planned for March of 1998 to raise the necessary funds for this work.

Both New Boston and Dunbarton are also planning additions to their elementary schools to provide space for growing populations.

Goffstown has activated its Space Needs Committee to review Goffstown's elementary needs now and into the 21st century.

Continued efforts have been undertaken to build on our present technology with the addition of internet connections and networking between schools and classrooms.

The School-to-Careers Grant received has provided many teachers and students with new opportunities to prepare selected students for the time beyond high school. This activity also has increased business and parent involvement in High School operations. Mentoring and part-time jobs are just some of the benefits.

If one were to read the Superintendent's Report in each town you will find they are the same. This is the result of our efforts to build on the success of each district and work on those areas not as strong, so that the SAU 19 educational delivery system will be consistent. This has been the effort of the central office during these past two years.

At this time I want to thank each and every person I have had the pleasure of meeting and/or working with during my interim superintendency. I wish SAU 19 the very best in all its future endeavors.

Eugene W. Ross, Ph.D.

Interim Superintendent of Schools

GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 1997

Moderator, Larry Emerton, called the 1997 School District Meeting to order at 7:18 p.m.

George Hebert led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roger Courtemanche, Vice-Chairman of the School Board, introduced School Board members; Chairman Suzanne Tremblay, Randy Benthien, Timothy Hanson, Pamela Manney, Virginia McKinnon, William Totherow, Michael York and student member, Sarah Bruno. Roger also introduced Superintendent Gene Ross; Assistant Superintendents Carolann Wais and Chuck Gaides; Business Manager Roger Descheneau; Principals Chris Mosca, Rose Colby, Marc Boyd and Cynthia Murrell and Assistant Principals, Judith Evans, James Fullam, James Doig and Michael Henderson.

Moderator Emerton introduced Budget Committee Chairman Peter Georgantas, School District Clerk Jo Ann D'Avanza, Assistant Moderator Fred Plett and State Senator Richard Danais.

At this time, Rose Colby came to the microphone.

R. Colby: It is with great pride that I represent the Mountain View Middle School community in bringing to you a person who has brought great pride to this community, Miss Lynne Ellis, who has received the award for Outstanding Teacher of the Year!

Miss Ellis received a standing ovation.

Miss Ellis: It is with great pleasure that I represent Goffstown in this role. The community has been a great support to me since I have taught here. The generosity and graciousness of the communities of Goffstown, New Boston and Dunbarton has been overwhelming at times. It is my desire that I bring positive attention to the district and the quality education our students receive. It is not just me, it is the whole system.

Moderator Emerton introduced Allstate Soccer Team winner, Matt Lamberti.

Moderator Emerton also mentioned that the Goffstown High School basketball team is representing Goffstown in the finals of the Class I tournament on Saturday, March 15 at 7 p.m. at UNH in Durham, NH. Mr. Emerton wished them the best.

At this time, Moderator Emerton introduced School Board Chairman Suzanne Tremblay for the presentation of awards. A special recognition was given to Brenda Henk, former School District Clerk, for her five years of service.

Next, Mrs. Tremblay awarded a plaque to Sarah Bruno, student School Board member, and outgoing School Board members, Timothy Hanson and Roger Courtemanche.

Mr. Emerton then introduced Randy Benthien, Vice-Chairman of the SAU Cooperative Study Committee.

R. Benthien: Last year we voted to form the SAU Cooperative Study Committee. Nine people have been meeting. Our moderator was in charge of appointing those people. The representation from Goffstown consists of one School Board member and two people from the public. I am the School Board member and Paul O'Reilly and Ellen Vermokowitz represent the public. We have been working for one year. In one year from now, we will be here to give our report. We can take three years, but we are trying to get it done in two years.

Overheads were displayed on the screen for the public. The Coop Committee has been reviewing their task, key definitions, possible configurations, financial incentives, hurdles and a time-line.

They must determine whether or not it is feasible. They will recommend to the towns to proceed or not. They also need to present sufficient information. Goffstown is currently an AREA (Authorized Regional Enrollment Area) agreement district. Goffstown is the receiving district. We make the decisions regarding policy and budget. New Boston and Dunbarton are the sending districts.

Mr. Benthien reviewed the possible buy-out procedures that currently exist. The procedure may be abolished by next year.

By January 1, 1998, the committee will determine whether or not it will recommend becoming a Cooperative.

George Fullerton: Did you look into how the Board will be formed? Are there options on the formation of a School District Board? Goffstown would have 70% of the students. Would we have 70% of the representation?

R. Benthien: There are unlimited options in terms of the Board's size and how it votes.

Phil D'Avanza: How would the reimbursement effect the 99 year lease that the school district has for the White Building/SAU office?

S. Tremblay: We don't own the White Building.

P. D'Avanza: I understand you are doing renovations there, is there state aide involved?

R. Benthien: I will look into this.

P. D'Avanza: How does this effect getting the yearly tuition?

R. Benthien: There would not be tuition if we are a cooperative district.

P. D'Avanza: You showed a \$6 million figure as an incentive. A disincentive is that we currently get a yearly revenue. We would no longer have that revenue.

R. Benthien: We get the costs reimbursed, plus 2%. We would not get that, but we would be putting in the share that we felt was appropriate. The formula is the hardest part.

Craig Hieber: How does the Cooperative Agreement extend to collective bargaining for teachers, special-ed, custodians, etc.?

R. Benthien: All of that would be new. This would be a brand new district. We will be exploring all matters. Please feel free to contact the

three of us or come to our meetings. We would like to utilize the legal line of the SAU budget to enlist the help of the legal counsel who did work for the Exeter School District. He has experience in these matters. Last year it was said that this would not cost anything to the district. We are reluctant to spend any money. We would like permission to spend no more than \$5,000 over the next 12 months. This would be SAU money coming from the three different towns.

Moderator Emerton called Mr. Benthien out of order. This matter had not been properly noticed.

At this time, the Moderator went over the rules that applied to this meeting. Moderator Emerton read the Posting of the 1997 School District Warrant and began the reading of the Warrant.

MOTION: Peter Georgantas motioned to dispense with the reading of the Warrant. Seconded by Bill Tucker.

All in favor by voice vote. Motion carried.

L. Emerton: We are not here to vote on the final outcome. What you vote on tonight goes on the ballot for the April 8, 1997 vote. There are still questions on the new Official Ballot SB-2/RSA 40:13. Both of these problems are legal and procedural. During the last nine months, I have attended numerous meetings on this issue. We still do not have all the answers. There will be a discussion period for folks that did not have a chance to get out tonight for both the town and school articles.

The school hearing will be held on Wednesday, March 26 at 7 p.m. at Goffstown High School.

ARTICLE 2

Shall the District vote to affirm and be bound by the financial provisions of the first year of a two year collective bargaining agreement entered into by and between the Goffstown School Board and the Goffstown Educational Support Staff, NEA-New Hampshire covering the years 1997-98 and 1998-99, wherein the estimated increased cost for 1997-98, the first year of the contract, is ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND EIGHTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$100,086.00) and for 1998-99, the second year of the contract, is EIGHTY-SIX THOUSAND FORTY-ONE DOLLARS (\$86,041.00) to cover salaries and benefits; and further to raise and appropriate the sum of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND EIGHTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$100,086.00) for the purpose of funding only the 1997-98 year of said collective bargaining agreement, or to take any other action in relation thereto. This 1997-98 cost is not included in the operating budget figure in Article #5.

MOTION: Michael York placed Article #2 on the floor for discussion. Seconded by Suzanne Tremblay.

S. Tremblay: This is a two year collective bargaining agreement with the Goffstown Educational Support Staff. We have approximately 70 members in this bargaining unit. We feel this is a very fair contract. The only group we could find that would compare are the town hall employees. Those people are getting one step, plus a 3% increase. There is one other potential cost for this contract. If a full-time employee has worked for the Goffstown

School District for 20 years, and is retiring, there would be a one-time payment of \$3,000.

Ed Linde: Can you clarify what benefits for workshops means? How much will our taxes go down when we spend this extra money?

S. Tremblay: Our secretaries go to a workshop every year to keep them current in the rules and regulations that may change every year. You might not see a decrease in your taxes, but we might be avoiding a law suit.

Carmen Gangi: Is there something that says they will not go above a certain level after 20 years?

S. Tremblay: They would get the percentage increase after their 20th year. There was also no change in the benefit package.

Dick Georgantas: What percentage of our present employees fall into the 20 year and six year categories?

S. Tremblay: I believe there are three in the 20 year. I can't tell you how many are in the six year category.

D. Georgantas: That makes a difference.

S. Tremblay: We have very few 20 year people.

Bob Wheeler: It appears that the School Board wanted us to go forward with this contract because there is a relationship here between the \$10,000 and what we are going to get back. What is the formula, so we can be persuaded?

S. Tremblay: I can't say we used a formula to come up with a \$300 stipend, because we do not know. We think it is a reasonable number. We don't have all of the numbers from the state. We have to pay these people to work with these special ed kids. When they were hired, there was no requirement for certification. It is our expectation to get some Medicaid money reimbursement.

B. Wheeler: You are not sharing with us the expected result of the return money.

David St. Jean: The State of NH is trying to get Federal money. If a student is eligible for Medicaid and going to our public school, we can get half of the money back that we spend on that child if the aide is certified.

E. Linde: You are asking us to vote to increase our taxes to give more money and you don't even have an estimate. I think you should have more facts if you want us to approve it.

D. Georgantas: If you are a certified aide, does that entitle you to a higher wage scale?

S. Tremblay: We resisted that. They will only receive the \$300 once.

Mr. O'Reilly: On these hourly positions, does that include the benefit dollars?

S. Tremblay: Those figures are strictly hourly. The benefit package is the same as what was approved three years ago. These people pay 20% of their benefit package.

Roger Courtemanche: Eighty-five percent of our people fall into the six year mark.

Ezra Beck: How many kids do we have in special ed?

R. Benthien: We have 223 students in special ed.

Mr. Moderator: We do have an amendment to this article.

MOTION: Dave Enos moved to amend Article 1 to read:

Shall the District affirm and be bound by the financial provisions of the first year of a two year collective bargaining agreement entered into by and between the Goffstown School Board and the Goffstown Educational Support Staff, NEA-New Hampshire covering the years 1997-98 and 1998-99, wherein the estimated increased cost for 1997-98, the first year of the contract, is ZERO DOLLARS (\$0.00), and for 1998-99, the second year of the contract, is ZERO DOLLARS (\$0.00) to cover salaries and benefits; and further to raise and appropriate the sum of ZERO DOLLARS (\$0.00) for the purpose of funding only the 1997-98 year of said collective bargaining agreement, or to take any action in relation thereto.

Seconded by Karl MacGibbon.

Dave Enos: I am not against any GESS employee. I am against this article because of the details of the contract and the future implications. The contract fails to address merit increases. Other contracts are coming due next year. This will set a precedent. Built-in wage increases are a thing of the past. I urge you to support the amendment and send this back to the negotiating table and force them to adopt merit increases and abolish step increases.

S. Tremblay: Our folks get an increase after an evaluation process. We have, with union consent, not invited employees back.

Tess Marts: I take great exception to this amendment. The custodians are here many extra hours. We have little to splurge in this community. One of the greatest benefits are the employees.

Mr. Emerton: We are going to have a ballot vote on this.

Steve Monier: It is my understanding this is an agreement that has been reached by both teams and accepted by labor and management.

S. Tremblay: Yes.

S. Monier: Once both sides have agreed, that question must be submitted to the body for ratification or not. If there is an amendment allowed, which has been contrary, then how will that question ever be submitted to the body for approval or not? I think any amendment is completely out of order and may be illegal.

School District Attorney: This is the deliberative body that will consider this. Under normal process, if this was a regular meeting, you could vote to reject or accept the agreement. If this is amended, that amended amount would be the amount placed on the ballot. It will be voted on at the ballot on April 8.

I suspect the union would vote it down and they would be back at the table to re-negotiate again.

Mr. Moderator read from the RSA concerning amended articles. The Moderator accepted the amendment.

Ellen Vermokowitz: Do we need to change the wording on the first line, like last night? I have a problem with this amendment. If it passes, the

voters will not get to vote on the spirit and intent of the article. I don't mind discussing it. I think the voters need to see this themselves.

Mr. Moderator: You can amend it again and again.

Les Rosenthal: The amendment, as embarrassing as it is, let's vote on it.

All debating was closed on this amendment.

VOTE: A paper ballot vote was taken. The results were: 63-in favor of the amendment. 154-opposed to the amendment. Motion defeated.

MOTION: Mrs. Dolbow moved, seconded by Bill Totherow to close debate on Article 2. Motion carried by voice vote.

ARTICLE 3

Shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) for the purpose of costs associated with the implementation of the provisions of RSA 40:13 (Senate Bill #2), or to take any other action in relation thereto.

MOTION: Bill Totherow moved, seconded by Ginny McKinnon to place Article #3 on the floor for discussion.

B. Totherow: We are recommending it to you because if there are costs associated with SB-2 and there is no money available, we will have to take this out of the operating school budget. This is similar to the article you passed last year for \$25,000 to cover the current costs. Out of that \$25,000, we have expended \$4,000. Most of that was for a voting machine and some monies for attorney's fees. It would not be unlikely that we would be in court next year over these proceedings. Those costs would be covered by this \$5,000. If the monies are not needed for SB-2 costs, the monies are returned to the town.

Ellen Vermokowitz: Do we need to change the wording in the first line?

Mr. Moderator: The Clerk can do that.

Ezra Beck: Where did the money come from to print this famous yellow sheet? I have been told it cost \$1,500.

B. Totherow: It has not come from the SB-2 money. There has not been a final decision about how to pay for it. Some of the money may come from the SB-2 money because a portion of the material in the brochure relates to SB-2.

E. Beck: What about the remarks on the report cards?

B. Totherow: There was no cost for that.

S. Tremblay: The report cards go out quarterly and there are frequently remarks. We acknowledge that was an inappropriate remark.

E. Beck: You still have a lot of money left from the \$25,000. Why do we need the \$5,000?

S. Tremblay: We have to give back whatever is left after June 30.

MOTION: Roger Courtemanche moved to restrict reconsideration on Article 2. Seconded by Pam Manney. Voted unanimously in the affirmative by voice vote.

There was no further discussion on Article 3. Article 3 will appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 4

Shall the Goffstown School District accept the provisions of Chapter 298 and RSA 194-C providing for the formation of a COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER WITHDRAWAL FROM the School Administrative Unit (SAU 19).

The Moderator explained that state law requires this Article to appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 5

Shall the Goffstown School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, for the purposes set forth therein totaling SEVENTEEN MILLION FOUR HUNDRED SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE DOLLARS AND TWENTY CENTS (\$17,406,851.20)?

Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be SEVENTEEN MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND FOUR CENTS (\$17,430,625.04), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Goffstown School District or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

MOTION: Suzanne Tremblay moved, seconded by Pam Manney to place Article #5 on the floor for discussion.

MOTION: Randy Benthien moved, seconded by Peter Georgantas to increase this budgeted amount by \$160,328.48 for an amended total budget of \$17,567,179.68.

R. Benthien: That figure is what appears on the bottom of the proposed budget line for the School Board. We started out with a budget that was almost \$370,000 higher. We did not think the requests were out of line in terms of educational purpose. We could not justify increasing the rate for the taxpayers that would have been required for that total amount. After many meetings, we ended up with a bottom line figure that I just read to you. We determined we would reduce the faculty the equivalent of one full-time teacher. The Budget Committee believes we can cut out more than that. We don't think that is responsible. If we look at the increased numbers coming to this high school, we are anticipating 70 new students for next year. There are other pieces where there are differences between the School Board and the Budget Committee. We would ask you to consider and support our amendment so we can continue our work to govern these schools and do it in a way that is prudent. This is a 71 cent impact on the tax rate. I think the Budget Committee's amount is 43 cents. The difference is \$23.00 on the average homeowner. We think this will allow us to do some things that are important for our schools.

Karl MacGibbon: The 1994 tax rate for the school side was \$15.85. With the proposed increase that we passed tonight and this amendment, the tax rate would be \$18.73. This is an increase of \$2.76 per thousand in four

years. The total increase in dollars is \$3,772,565 or 27%. This is something we need to think about and I am against this amendment.

S. Tremblay: It is a 27.4% increase of four budgets. It is over \$3 million. Our special ed costs have increased by \$1 million, 55% increase for transportation for special ed. State retirement increased by 71%. These items are things we have no control over. Of the items that we have control over, the budget is up by 2.2%. Programs are different. We need to train people differently. Our administration costs are up 10%. Our Assistant Principals' salaries are down. The SAU services over four years time are up by 14%. The SAU Board made a decision to stay in the White Building. That building has to be brought up to code. There are monies to bring this up to code in the SAU budget. This will cost about \$400,000 over time. Twenty-five percent of that will be paid for by the other communities.

One of the numbers that is different is the salary line at the high school. We have already decreased staff by one full person. The number of kids graduating this year is 193. The number coming in from Mt. View School is 272. We worked on the budget and considered each line individually.

Carmen Gangi: There has been a 27.4% increase in the budget and only a 10.4% increase in student population. There are 174 teachers in Goffstown. This is 15.2 students per teacher. Hardly, overworked teachers. Ninety-three percent of all towns in New Hampshire pay less taxes than Goffstown. We are in the top seven. If you continue hitting us with tax increases, you are not doing what you have been voted in to do. I don't see you people trying to hold the line on the taxes. You keep saying we need more money. We are not getting anything back in return. You should be holding the line on the taxes. We do not have a bottomless pit.

S. Tremblay: I disagree with you. My job is to provide the best education to the students that the community can give. We try very hard to do that at a cost this community can afford. Goffstown's average is still \$600 per pupil below the state average.

C. Gangi: The gentleman before you did say it was his job to hold the line on the tax rate.

Jane Exner: I believe we get a lot back for our dollar. As a taxpayer, I want to have a school I am proud of, not that I feel sorry for. I think the School Board works very hard. You have no idea the struggle they go through in preparing the budget. I applaud their efforts. I am sad we are cutting a position from the high school. I urge you to support this amendment and be proud of our schools, not sorry.

Bill Wynne: I think the Board is doing a fantastic job in expressing their needs. Why are text books, educational supplies and software included in with teachers salaries? Why does my daughter have to sign out for a text book?

S. Tremblay: That total is the regular education line. The budget is broken up into sections. I think the number you are giving us is for regular education, including the teachers salaries, benefits for all the district, text books, supplies, etc. The number for teachers salaries is \$6,096,416. There

are courses that do not use the text book any more. It is used as a reference book.

B. Wynne: I think a 27% increase over four years is ridiculous. I hope, going forward, we can have some foresight of where our educational needs will be in this community, so that residents can have a better feeling about making appropriations for this.

P. Georgantas: Let's vote on this and move along. We are not voting on a budget here. We are voting what goes onto the ballot. There will be two numbers, the recommended number by the School Board and the default number. You will have an opportunity to vote no on the School Board's budget by voting for the default budget. This is a plan that 73% of the people decided on last year.

R. Benthien: In trying to have some information in this mailer, we condensed 4.5 pages into this line. So that is why you see salaries, text books, etc. We have totals for the various items within those 4.5 pages.

Mr. Moderator: I have another amendment to this article.

P. Georgantas moved the question. Seconded by B. Tucker. Passed on a voice vote.

VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT: The Moderator read the amendment. He declared the voice vote in the affirmative. Motion carried.

MOTION: Carmen Gangi moved, seconded by John Stafford to amend Article 5 (1997-98 Goffstown School Budget) to \$16,965,250.00.

Mr. Gangi: This allows for an increase, but not a 5% increase. I am not sure why the school should receive a higher rate than the rate of inflation. Our taxes have gone up year after year consistently; 27% over the last four years. The taxpayers need a break. A lot of people are unhappy. Unfortunately, I see very little support for their own cause. I propose to amend the budget to be in line with what the voters can afford.

John Stafford: I would like to speak in favor of the amendment. Let's try to keep the taxes within the rate of inflation.

Jay Gagne: I don't like to pay taxes any more than the next guy. One thing I have learned, you don't run a school system based on averages. We are trying to say, let's go with an average increase. I am familiar with the process the Budget Committee and the School Board has gone through. It took them six months to come up with what they presented this evening. We should not, in five minutes say, let's throw away their work, because we can't afford it. We can afford it and we will afford it. Our school system is something to be proud of. Let's vote on their budget as opposed to cutting it in this fashion. I think we should try to invite business to move into this area.

Jane Exner: There is revenue and expense. Revenue has increased as well.

Bob Wheeler: Could you share with us if there is any hope on your part of ever getting to the point of where you will manage the financial aspect of the school system within the normal growth rate of the tax base, so that the rate of taxation will hold even? I call that managing within our means.

Roger Courtemanche: In town there are several new developments being built. When a development goes in and a family of four comes into this town, they may or may not call the Fire Department for services or the Police Department. They will drive on the town roads. When you have those two kids that attend Goffstown schools, they immediately have an impact on the budget. Two kids are a small increase. When you are talking 10-15 or higher, than you are talking a big increase. So to say, will we ever meet the normal tax increase, if a business comes in that is worth millions of dollars, that will cause a tax reduction. If every time you have a development and kids come with it, the numbers just don't match up when it costs more to educate one kid than the amount paid in taxes for one homeowner.

Bill Totherow: This is my first year on the board. This was an enlightening year for me. The number of hours that all of us put in going line by line, asking hard questions, trying to pare where we can, it is an amazing process. I would invite all of you to watch it happen next year. What I discovered, we have little control over the total budget. We have control over about 15-18% of the budget. It is unfortunate, but it is true. There are added costs every year which are also fixed, which we have no control. We are taking care of the buildings. We have two new teachers at Maple Ave. to meet state standards. All of this is being done at 2.2%. I think that is being responsible. I think this is a budget that you can support.

Richard Murphy: I am new to the community. I have gone through the budget. I am concerned that there are a lot of variables on how the town is done and they can keep a cohesive budget and the way the school is being distributed our taxes keep going up. That is my biggest concern. It does not seem to balance out as well as I think it should.

Peter Henk: I am not sure Mr. Wheeler's question is a fair question. I think I can address this gentlemen's question. The school's surplus money comes back to the town's general fund. Over the past five years, the town's budget has increased 40%. The way the town has been able to hold their side level is because they have been able to offset this using general funds. Some comes from the school side. If we did not have this, we would be looking at a double increase. The town side is better able to do this; the school cannot.

Mr. Moderator: I will close debate on the second amendment.

The Moderator read the second amendment.

VOTE: A voice vote was declared defeated.

MOTION: P. Georgantas moved, seconded by George Fullerton to close debate on Article 5. Motion carried.

Roger Courtemanche moved, seconded by Suzanne Tremblay to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann D'Avanza
School District Clerk

1997 School District Election Results

GOFFSTOWN, NH

APRIL 8, 1997

SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR

For Three (3) Years Vote for One (1)
LAWRENCE "LARRY" EMERTON, SR. 1984

SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

For Three (3) Years Vote for One (1)
JOANN D'AVANZA 1885

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

For Three (3) Years Vote for One (1)
HELEN M. SKOGLUND 1935

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

For Three (3) Years Vote for Three (3)
VIRGINIA "GINNY" McKINNON 1785
JANE E. RAYMOND 1688
MICHAEL YORK 1658

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

For One (1) Year Vote for Two (2)
CRAIG HIEBER 1590
ELLEN VERMOKOWITZ 1566

ARTICLE 2

Shall the District affirm and be bound by the financial provisions of the first year of a two year collective bargaining agreement entered into by and between the Goffstown School Board and the Goffstown Educational Support Staff, NEA-New Hampshire covering the years 1997-98 and 1998-99, wherein the estimated increased cost for 1997-98, the first year of the contract, is ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND EIGHTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$100,086.00) and for the 1998-99, the second year of the contract, is EIGHTY-SIX THOUSAND FORTY-ONE DOLLARS (\$86,041.00) to cover salaries and benefits; and further to raise and appropriate the sum of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND EIGHTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$100,086.00) for the purpose of funding only the 1997-98 year of said collective bargaining agreement? This 1997-98 cost is not included in the operating budget figure in Article #5.

YES - 713

NO - 1620

ARTICLE 3

Shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) for the purpose of costs associated with the implementation of the provisions of RSA 40:13 (Senate Bill #2)?
YES - 617 NO - 1667

ARTICLE 4

Shall the Goffstown School District accept the provisions of Chapter 298 and RSA 194-C providing for the formation of a COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER WITHDRAWAL FROM the School Administrative Unit (SAU 19)? (Submitted by petition)
YES - 1168 NO - 1115

ARTICLE 5

Shall the Goffstown School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, for the purposes set forth therein totaling SEVENTEEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY SEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE DOLLARS AND SIXTY-EIGHT CENTS (\$17,567,179.68)? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be SEVENTEEN MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND FOUR CENTS (\$17,430,625.04), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Goffstown School District or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

YES - 739

NO - 1599

GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT 1998 WARRANT

SCHOOL DELIBERATIVE BALLOT DETERMINATION MEETING FEBRUARY 2, 1998 THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Goffstown qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet on Monday, the second day of February, 1998, in the theater at Goffstown Area High School, at 7:00 p.m. for the first session of the School District Annual Meeting, also known as the first deliberative session, to act on the following subjects and determine matters which will then be voted upon by the official ballot on Tuesday, March 10, 1998.

You are further notified to meet on Tuesday, the tenth day of March, 1998, also known as the second session, to vote on all matters by official ballot. The polls are open on March 10, 1998 at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. at the Central polling district at the Goffstown Area High School and will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. in the Fifth District at the Bartlett Elementary School.

ARTICLE 1

To choose all School District officers for the ensuing years:

To choose three members of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

ARTICLE 2

Shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of FOURTEEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$14,500,000.00) for the construction of addition(s) to the Goffstown Area High School, for renovations to the existing building, for the payment of furnishings, equipment, architectural and other fees, site development and related incidental and necessary costs for such construction and existing school renovation pursuant to the plans and specifications as may be approved by the School Board, copies of which shall be on file with the School Administrative Unit #19 Office in Goffstown, New Hampshire; and (1) to raise such sum by the issuance of bonds or notes of the District in an amount not to exceed FOURTEEN MILLION TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$14,250,000.00) in accordance with the provisions of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, the form and terms of said bonds or notes including the time and place for the payment of interest, the rate of interest, and provisions for the sale of said bonds, or notes and all other matters

in connection therewith to be left to the discretion of the School Board, and (2) further, to specifically appropriate to the payment of the costs of said construction, interest payments and legal fees up to TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$250,000.00) from any interest which may be earned on the proceeds of the sale of the bonds or notes or any premium therefrom; or to take any other action in relation thereto. This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #8, the operating budget article. (2/3 majority vote required.) (School Board recommends this article.) (The Budget Committee does not recommend this article.)

ARTICLE 3

Shall the school district accept the provisions of RSA 195 (as amended) providing for the establishment of a cooperative school district, together with the school districts of Dunbarton and New Boston, in accordance with the provisions of the proposed articles of agreement filed with the school district clerk.

ARTICLE 4

Shall the District affirm and be bound by the financial provisions of a one year collective bargaining agreement entered into by and between the Goffstown School Board and the Goffstown Educational Support Staff, NEA-New Hampshire covering the year 1998-99, wherein the estimated increased cost for 1998-99 is NINETY THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY FOUR DOLLARS AND EIGHTY CENTS (\$93,744.80) to cover salaries and benefits; and further to raise and appropriate the sum of SEVENTY NINE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY FOUR DOLLARS AND EIGHTY CENTS (\$79,744.80) for the purpose of funding the 1998-99 year of said collective bargaining agreement and to take FOURTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$14,000) from the Food Service Revenue Accounts for the purpose of funding the balance of the said 1998-1999 collective bargaining agreement, or to take any other action in relation thereto. This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #8, the operating budget article. (School Board recommends this article.) (The Budget Committee recommends this article.)

ARTICLE 5

Shall the District affirm and be bound by the financial provisions of a one year collective bargaining agreement entered into by and between the Goffstown School Board and the Goffstown Education Association covering the year 1998-99, wherein the estimated increased cost for 1998-99 is TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWENTY TWO DOLLARS (\$275,922.00) to cover salaries and benefits; and further to raise and appropriate the sum of TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWENTY TWO DOLLARS (\$275,922.00) for the purpose of funding the 1998-99 year of said collective bargaining agreement, or to take any other action in relation thereto. This

appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #8, the operating budget article. (The School Board recommends this article.) (The Budget Committee recommends this article.)

ARTICLE 6

Shall the Goffstown School District accept the provisions of Chapter 298 and RSA 194-C providing for the continuation of a COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER WITHDRAWAL FROM the School Administrative Unit (SAU 19). (As petitioned by voters) (The School Board does not recommend this article.)

ARTICLE 7

Shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of ONE HUNDRED SIXTY SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$166,000) for the purpose of replacing the Heating Boilers at Goffstown Area High School or to take any action in relation thereto. This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #8, the operating budget article. This action will not take place should Article 2 be voted in the affirmative. (The School Board recommends this article.) (The Budget Committee recommends this article.)

ARTICLE 8

Shall the Goffstown School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling EIGHTEEN MILLION TWO HUNDRED SIXTY SEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS AND THREE CENTS (\$18,267,170.03). Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be EIGHTEEN MILLION ONE HUNDRED NINETY ONE THOUSAND FORTY SIX DOLLARS (\$18,191,046.00), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Goffstown School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (The School Board recommends \$18,577,752.43 as the Operating Budget for Article 8.)

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AT SAID GOFFSTOWN ON THIS
TWENTY-SECOND DAY OF JANUARY, 1998.

Suzanne Tremblay, *Chairman*

Pamela V. Manney

Jane E. Raymond

Ellen Vermokowitz

Craig Hieber

Randall F. Benthien

Virginia McKinnon

Michael York, *Vice Chairman*

William Totherow

SCHOOL BOARD

COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

RANDY BENTHIEN, Co-CHAIR

In March of 1996 an article calling for a Cooperative School District Study was placed in the Town Warrants of Dunbarton and New Boston by vote of the School Boards. The Goffstown warrant article was the result of a voter's petition. The committee was charged with presenting its findings and recommendations to each of the three towns. This report is meant to do that.

The following persons were appointed by the School Boards and Town Moderators in accordance with RSA 195.2. The current committee members are as follows:

New Boston

Ralph Holmes

Deborah O'Rourke

Elaine Tostevin

Dunbarton

Kenneth L Swayze, Jr.

Dan Gravas, Co-Chair

Betsy Williams

Goffstown

Randy Benthien, Co-Chair

Paul O'Reilly

Ellen Vermokowitz

Assisting Attorney: John Teague

Randy Benthien and Dan Gravas were chosen Co-Chairs for this activity. Following a year and a half of studying existing coops in New Hampshire (especially those towns with similar numbers to the three communities making up SAU 19), the Committee began the process of designing and drafting possible Articles of Agreement stipulating how such a Cooperative School District would work for us.

The assessed value of each school was obtained to determine fiscal impact. Numerous considerations on the educational value of becoming a coop were also reviewed such as: improved curriculum consistency and delivery; voice and vote in total school program development by each district; greater purchasing power; more time for our elected and professional educational leaders to devote to educational improvement rather than duplicative administrative duties caused by there being four separate legal entities to serve and manage (e.g. there would be only one set of financial books to keep, only one teachers contract to negotiate, etc.).

Plus, if we elect to become a Cooperative School District by June 30 1998, the state would provide \$10.7 million over 10 years in formation aid. However, that incredible incentive disappears on July 1st, so if our town decided to become a Cooperative anytime thereafter, there would be absolutely no state aid for doing so - let alone \$10,700,000.

After a year and a half of thorough and careful study and deliberation we concluded that the benefits far outweigh the drawbacks of being a Cooperative School District. Therefore on January 19, 1998 the Committee voted 6-1 to recommend that the voters of Dunbarton, Goffstown and New Boston form a Cooperative School District.

A fifteen member School Board structure is proposed with residents coming from the three towns as follows: Goffstown – 8 members; Dunbarton – 2 members; New Boston – 4 members; At Large – 1 member.

The committee has sent to each community for the public hearings the Articles of Agreement as proposed by the Planning Committee for vote in March 1998.

As Co-Chair of the Committee I wish to commend and thank all study committee members, the SAU administration and Attorney John Teague for their hard work, support and dedication. Finally, on behalf of the Committee, I urge each voter to give thoughtful consideration to our recommendation of becoming a Cooperative School District.

FINAL REPORT OF THE SAU STUDY COMMITTEE

This committee was authorized by Warrant Article 4 in the Town of Goffstown in April, 1997. Said article read, "Shall the Goffstown School District accept the provisions of Chapter 298 and RSA 294-C providing for the formation of a committee to consider withdrawal from the School Administrative Unit (SAU 19)." The vote was in the affirmative. This committee is not of the School Board or SAU. It was authorized by the voters and set up by the moderator.

Immediately following the vote the School Board appointed its representatives. The balance of the committee was established by the moderator over the summer. Committee members are: Ed Linde, Citizen and Chairman, Ellen Vermokowitz, School Board, Vice Chair and Secretary, Peter Showerman, Citizen, Richard Bruno, Citizen, Sara-Ann Sarette, Citizen, Michael York, School Board, Dr. Ross, SAU Administration and David Enos, Budget Committee. We started our deliberations in August, 1997.

In order to fulfill our charge as stated in the warrant and RSA's we needed to see if it would be in the best interest of Goffstown to be a single district SAU. To this end Mr. Linde did a statistical comparison, we reviewed the state requirements for superintendent services RSA 194C 1, IIA-R and information received from the NH School Board Association on administrative responsibilities. We additionally addressed the financial impact and implications to being a single district SAU and looked at what the financial impact was to Bow when it withdrew from SAU 19.

The results of our analysis led the committee to realize that withdrawal would have an increased cost impact to the taxpayers. It is the unanimous recommendation of this committee that the Goffstown School District not withdraw from SAU 19.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Vermokowitz, *Vice Chair, Secretary*

OCTOBER 1ST PUPIL ENROLLMENT 1993 – 1997**

School	Grade	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Bartlett	Pre-School	—	—	—	—	13
	Multi-age (1,2,3)	—	—	40	39	42
	1	50	56	39	39	40
	2	72	60	36	40	38
	3	44	74	46	46	41
	Special Ed	—	—	—	—	—
Total - Bartlett		166	190	161	164	174
Maple Avenue	Pre-School	14	22	21	32	23
	Multi-age (1,2,3)	—	—	66	67	68
	1	144	122	101	138	86
	2	137	138	107	106	147
	3	130	138	119	106	116
Total - Maple Avenue		425	420	414	449	440
Mountain View	4	193	173	214	201	199
	5	176	183	175	204	207
	6	204	176	183	179	217
	7	253	287	277	257	261
	8	245	259	283	281	255
Total - MVMS		1,071	1,078	1,132	1,122	1,139
High School	9	251	221	244	262	262
	10	238	234	213	233	254
	11	221	233	235	233	235
	12	159	169	206	194	172
	Special Ed	1	—	—	—	—
	PG	—	—	3	—	—
Total - High School		870	857	901	922	923
GRAND TOTAL 1993-1997		2,532	2,545	2,608	2,657	2,676

** Home Study included in figures 24 25 26 20 24

GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL BUDGET

		1996-97 Actual	1997-98 Appropriation	1998-99 School Board Proposed	1998-99 Budget Committee Proposed
FUNCTION					
1100	Regular Education	\$8,729,962	\$8,227,869	\$8,469,525	\$8,425,996
1200	Special Education	1,399,801	2,041,874	2,415,355	2,415,355
1410	Co-Curricular	188,863	245,879	270,064	270,064
2112	Attendance Services	0	2	2	2
2120	Guidance	398,943	527,145	552,338	552,338
2130	Health Services	106,635	136,977	141,027	141,027
2210	Staff Development	33,164	41,553	88,002	32,003
2220	Information Services	246,973	301,482	308,856	308,656
2290	Technical Support Services	33,542	42,976	80,833	80,833
2311	School Board	38,649	25,471	26,321	26,321
2313	Treasurer	1,841	2,634	2,624	2,624
2315	Legal	26,826	50,000	40,000	35,000
2316	District Meeting	1,155	3,524	3,445	3,445
2317	Audit Services	3,264	2,800	2,800	2,800
2320	SAU Services	642,555	670,149	763,060	763,060
2410	Administration	732,878	968,243	1,080,780	985,861
2490	Curriculum Coordinators	32,542	33,254	136,718	29,784
2542	Building Maintenance	1,108,972	1,172,249	1,230,017	1,230,016
2543	Grounds Maintenance	14,909	34,777	47,275	43,275
2544	Equipment Maintenance	25,593	24,644	27,999	27,999
2552	Transportation	640,329	663,672	720,005	720,005
2553	Special Needs Transportation	180,921	219,310	263,276	263,276
2554	Field Trip Transportation	12,230	15,975	15,800	15,800
2555	Co-Curricular Transportation	35,718	35,000	37,000	37,000
2559	Skill Center Transportation	16,578	17,186	25,780	25,780
2644	GESS Course Reimbursement	6,334	6,000	6,000	6,000
3000	Athletic Fields	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
4500	GHS Building Survey	0	60,000	0	0
5100	Debt Services	1,312,320	1,269,280	1,225,850	1,225,850
5220	Federal Grants	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
5240	Transfer Funds	550,000	543,550	545,500	545,500
Total Goffstown School District		\$ 16,572,996	\$ 17,434,976	\$ 18,577,752	\$ 18,267,170

GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL REVENUES

	1996-1997 Approved	1997-1998 Approved	1998-1999 Proposed School Board
Unreserved Fund Balance	\$ 319,303	\$ 205,701	\$ 215,500
Revenue from State Sources			
Foundation Aid	336,647	638,174	679,203*
School Building Aid	226,651	226,651	226,651
Area Vocational School	21,440	22,000	23,400
Child Nutrition	12,854	12,854	13,256
Other Catastrophic Aid	129,168	165,263	175,500
Revenue from Federal Sources			
Title I	0	0	0
Child Nutrition Program	107,751	107,751	108,845
Other-Block Grant	50,000	50,000	50,000
Handicapped Programs	0	0	0
Local Revenue Other Than Taxes			
Tuition - Regular	2,218,305	2,699,650	2,420,800
Tuition - Special Education	0	115,612	125,560
Earnings on Investments	8,000	22,000	25,000
School Lunch Sales	429,395	450,000	455,000
Medicaid Reimbursement	0	0	70,000
Other Local Resources	0	8,351	8,500
Salaries/Benefits Reimbursable from Other Districts			
Dunbarton	0	32,797	10,702
Manchester	0	15,602	10,206
New Boston	0	42,859	58,472
Prior Year Deficit	(78,876)	0	0
Total School Revenues and Credits	3,780,638	4,815,265	4,676,595
District Assessments	12,851,961	12,619,711	13,901,157
Total Revenues & District Assessment	\$16,632,599	\$17,434,976	\$18,577,752

*Based on FY99 Foundation Aid estimates dated October 31, 1997, from Dr. Judith Fillion, Division Director, Department of Education. This figure could be lowered during the fiscal year.

DEBT SCHEDULE

Schedule III — Goffstown School District, New Hampshire General Obligation Refunding Bonds Series 1993 Cashflow Savings Analysis

Date	New Debt Service	Fiscal New Debt Service	1989 Old Debt Service	1989 Fiscal Old Debt Service	1990 Old Debt Service	1990 Fiscal Old Debt Service	Combined Fiscal Old Debt Service	Annual Savings
12/15/93								
02/15/94	64,376.67	64,376.67	94,537.50	94,537.50	147,275.00	147,275.00	241,812.50	177,435.83
08/15/94	288,130.00		94,537.50	94,537.50	147,275.00	147,275.00		
02/15/95	191,942.50	480,072.50	94,537.50	189,075.00	147,275.00	294,550.00	483,625.00	3,552.50
08/15/95	286,942.50		94,537.50		147,275.00			
02/15/96	190,422.50	477,365.00	94,537.50	189,075.00	147,275.00	294,550.00	483,625.00	6,260.00
08/15/96	290,422.50		94,537.50		147,275.00			
02/15/97	188,722.50	479,145.00	94,537.50	189,075.00	147,275.00	294,550.00	483,625.00	4,480.00
08/15/97	293,722.50		94,537.50		147,275.00			
02/15/98	186,832.50	480,555.00	94,537.50	189,075.00	147,275.00	294,550.00	483,625.00	3,070.00
08/15/98	296,832.50		94,537.50		147,275.00			
02/15/99	184,742.50	481,575.00	94,537.50	189,075.00	147,275.00	294,550.00	483,625.00	2,050.00
08/15/99	299,742.50		94,537.50		147,275.00			
02/15/2000	182,442.50	482,185.00	94,537.50	189,075.00	147,275.00	294,550.00	483,625.00	1,440.00
08/15/2000	547,442.50		344,537.50		147,275.00			
02/15/2001	174,868.75	722,311.25	85,912.50	430,450.00	147,275.00	294,550.00	725,000.00	2,688.75
08/15/2001	929,868.75		335,912.50		547,275.00			
02/15/2002	158,825.00	1,088,693.75	77,162.50	413,075.00	133,575.00	680,850.00	1,093,925.00	5,231.25
08/15/2002	903,825.00		327,162.50		533,575.00			

PRINCIPALS' REPORT

BARTLETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

KATHLEEN M. DODWELL, PRINCIPAL

Since beginning in my new position as principal, there has been strong evidence of community at Bartlett. Bartlett's small size (184 students) and unique community ties make it an ideal school for caring, involvement, learning and excellence. Bartlett enjoys the participation, fellowship and interest of the Pinardville Booster Club, The Lions Club, the Optimist Club, the Bartlett Community Club and Bartlett PTA and surrounding businesses. Past and present contributions of these organizations, along with the dedication of staff and parents provide strong traditions and support for student achievement.

Achievement, assessment and accountability have been the focus of meetings and discussions at Bartlett for the start of the 1997-1998 year. Grade 1 and multi-age staff have been trained in a SAU 19 Literacy Assessment tool. This information is helping to determine specific student reading/writing needs and is assisting us to match instructional strategies and materials to students. Analysis of the Grade 3 NH State Assessment results highlight the need for greater emphasis on reading beyond the literal level and the need for topic development in writing.

To address this need, Bartlett hosted a staff development day for all SAU 19 teachers Grades 1-3 on November 11, 1997. Staff participated in day long workshops on the teaching of writing. Students' writing and illustrations were published in the Junior Journalist Page in the Union Leader on November 24, 1997.

Writing involves the use of computers. Four staff members: Ms. Albanese, Mrs. Audley, Mrs. Lane and Mrs. Lavigne were awarded scholarships to attend the Christa MacAuliffe Technology Conference in Concord, NH this month. They will share their newly acquired skills with staff at future meetings.

We deliver, a writing program and partnership with the Goffstown Post Office began this month. Students are practicing language arts skills by writing to other students and staff. Bartlett was recognized for its past partnership with the Post Office at the Gold Circle Partnership Achievement Award in Concord this fall. Bartlett was also recognized for its partnership with Dan La Rochelle of King Bowling Lanes for an In-School Math/Bowling Program.

The afternoon pre-school program which began in September expanded with a new morning session opening last month. This integrated special education program is under the direction of new staff member, Ms. Chantal Turgeon. Eight 3 year olds attend the morning session and twelve 4 and 5 year olds participate in the afternoon session. They have become an integral part of our Bartlett community and attend and enjoy all assemblies, daily events and programs.

MAPLE AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MARC BOYD, PRINCIPAL

A video of the 1996-1997 academic year at the Maple Avenue Elementary School would consist of: PFT Volunteers bringing the first graders and multi-age youngsters to their classrooms on the first day of school, Morning Announcements, the Third Grade Field Day at the Allard Center YMCA, Johnny Appleseed's birthday, Tuesday and Thursday Ice Cream Days, Wednesday Bake Sale and Pizza Day, Friday Popcorn Day, School Banking, Fire Prevention Week, Lunch with the Principal, PFT Ice Cream Social/Open House, National School Lunch Day, Chess Club, PFT Newsletter, National School Bus Safety Week, Halloween Parade, Birthdays, PFT Volunteer Orientation, PFT Informational Meeting on the Physical Education, Music and Art Program, Goffstown Police Department Officer Friendly, Principal's Round Table, American Education Week, National Children's Book Week, Book Fairs, PFT Make It and Take It Night, Parent/Teacher Conferences, School-wide Thanksgiving Feast, Goffstown Network Food Drive, Hampstead Players, Mr. Wizard, PFT Holiday Breakfast, Crispin's House "Christmas Carol", Third Grade Holiday Concert at GHS, Holiday luncheon concerts at Burger King, New Students' Lunch with the Principal, Mr. Boyd's Story Hours, Holiday Room Parties, High School Holiday Concert Assembly, Ski School, Mt. View and High School Drama Club Assemblies, Maple Avenue Night at GHS Basketball Game, PFT Grants, Burger King Night, PFT Spring Sale, Parks and Rec. Department Pillow Polo Match, NHPIE Blue Ribbon Award, Valentine Day Parties, Odyssey of the Mind Regional Meet, Second Grade "Habitat" Program, Chess Tournament, Skating Trip, Recycle Percussion, Brownie Sleep Over, PFT Jack Agati Parenting Series, Odyssey of the Mind State Finals, Two Fiddles Program, Odyssey of the Mind Pizza Party, Leo Labrecque Selected as NH Custodian of the Year, Multi-age Information Night, PFT's What's Up for Summer Night, Mother's Day Luncheon, Third Grade Testing, Captain Smiley, Patriotic Motorcycle Light Show, PFT Bike Rodeo, Memorial Day Program, Volunteer Brunch, Leo's Day, First Grade Information Night, Night of the Arts, Spring Fling, Judy Pancoast in Concert, Step Up Day and Maple Avenue Stock II.

If you are a parent, guardian, relative, volunteer, student, staff, alumni or friend of the school you know firsthand how these events help shape the school into such a special place for all the children who come to learn the skills of reading, writing, and arithmetic.

As I frequently say, "The Maple Avenue Elementary School is one of the finest schools in the state". I believe this is due to the dedicated, compassionate and committed staff, the equally supportive, involved and committed parents and guardians, and the children we have been blessed with. Without these three elements the above activities and events would be unthinkable.

Academically the school has made great strides in the area of curriculum development and technology. On the statewide third grade testing our third graders scored 74% in Language Arts and 77% in Math above the Novice level. It is the goal of the staff to increase these percentages on a continual and consistent basis.

MOUNTAIN VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

ROSE LAROCHELLE-COLBY, PRINCIPAL

On June 7, 1997, Mountain View Middle School proudly accepted the New Hampshire Middle Level Excellence Award. The award was the culmination of a lengthy selection process which examined all aspects of our school program. It was also with pride that Ms. Lynne Ellis, 8th grade teacher, received the New Hampshire Teacher of the Year Award. This is quite an accomplishment for the entire school community after only six years of program development.

Our school year began in September with a school enrollment of 1125 students (985 Goffstown, 40 Dunbarton, 96 New Boston students). We are again planning a rich program of studies and activities for students at all grade levels. This year we are fortunate to have two Artist in Residency programs. The program for 6th grade students will be a thematic weaving project based on the Constitution. New to the 5th grade will be the first residency centered on movement and dance.

Ms. Sandy Davis, our new Associate Principal, for grades 7 and 8, is planning an exciting trip to Washington, D.C. This year the group will be stopping in Philadelphia on their way. The Earth Shuttle educational trip to Orlando is also scheduled for an April date.

Mountain View Middle School has achieved the honor of being a recipient of the New Hampshire Partnership in Education Blue Ribbon volunteer Award for 1997. This award is given for thousands of hours of volunteer effort by students, parents, and community members. This year we are also working with the School to Career Initiative. A week long project including a Career Fair will bring many community members for the greater Goffstown Area to Mountain View Middle School. In order to provide unique opportunities for our students, M.V.M.S. has started an enrichment program. Working in conjunction with parents and businesses, students now have opportunities to explore the outdoors, run a student newspaper, and hear parent, business, and civic leaders speak on their experiences. This comes in addition to math and storytelling programs started last year. We look forward to the continued growth and success of this program.

We have many challenges ahead for us. We are in the process of finalizing the Middle Level Curriculum for Grades 4, 5 and 6. In addition, we must be planning ahead for space needs during the next two years given our growing school population. We welcome our parent community to share ideas and concerns at our quarterly grade level Parent Roundtables.

We would like to thank Dr. Eugene Ross, Interim Superintendent, for his support during the past three years. We wish him well in his retirement. To all citizens of Goffstown, Dunbarton and New Boston, thank you for helping us to serve your youth at Mountain View Middle School.

GOFFSTOWN AREA HIGH SCHOOL

CHRISTOPHER P. MOSCA, PRINCIPAL

I am very proud to submit my annual report regarding Goffstown Area High School. Presently there are a variety of ongoing initiatives which, if successfully implemented, could significantly improve the quality of our instruction and physical plant well into the year 2000 and beyond.

Specifically, we have hired a professional architectural firm to study our building and develop plans for renovation. Particular emphasis is on improving our parking areas, building entrances, science labs, food service areas, athletic fields and fine arts facilities. Clearly, such building expansion is necessary as we work to create a school that adequately meets the needs of our students and community.

Instructionally, teams of teachers, administration, staff, students and community members are now working to address the recommendations included in the New England Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges evaluative report which was submitted to us in July, 1997. Our staff development day on November 1 was devoted to this activity which we view as a comprehensive effort to ensure school improvement. Although our accreditation is continued, GAHS was placed on warning as a result of our need to better coordinate and articulate curriculum among academic areas.

In particular, the commission cited a need for intermediate supervisory administrators with curriculum and instructional responsibilities. To rectify this situation, we have proposed adding two curriculum coordinators and assessment specialists to our staff. These positions are essential if we are to meet the expectations set by the New England Association to ensure our continued accreditation.

In conjunction with the New England Association work, we have several other curriculum initiatives that we expect will enhance our academic program. Our present budget includes an additional teaching position for a civics course designed to provide our students more appropriate instruction to better prepare them for the New Hampshire State Assessments. We have also secured grant funding to further develop our curriculum in English language arts and mathematics K-12. Two teams from the high school have already been established to begin this work.

In the area of personnel, the 1997-98 school year opened with many new faculty members and two new administrators. Former guidance counselor John Farese was appointed assistant principal and Dr. Joseph Stehno was named as Director of Student Services. Long time coach and physical education instructor Martha Benton is now serving as a guidance counselor as is the newly appointed Doug Grieve. Other new faculty members include Dawn Anderson in science, Jennifer Gaffney and Tracy Ginchereau in math, Sharon Welsh in international languages, Sharon Wilson in English, Kathryn Osgood and Randy Lovering in physical education, Carol Lundin in alternative education and Carol Botsford, Barbara Perry and

Jim Stapleton in special education. We will certainly miss the services of retirees Jim Upham in math, Leon Konieczny in physical education and Erwin Walker in business education and wish them well in their future endeavors.

Our School to Career initiative is now in its second year. We have conducted several activities to better connect classroom learning with the world of work. Last spring, 60 tenth graders completed job shadowing experiences in a variety of local area businesses and formal internship opportunities are now available to our students with Hannaford Brothers. Several teachers also have participated in Educator in the Workplace fellowships. We will continue to expand these opportunities through the STC grant initiative as we work to develop a more meaningful and relevant curriculum for all students that more thoroughly integrates school and career.

Technologically, we have worked to upgrade existing computers and have added 30 pentium 166's for student use. Our students now have Internet access, and we can be reached through e-mail. Feel free to visit our web page at www.goffstown.com if you want to learn more about GAHS electronically. Our virtual career center is a great attraction on the web. We would like to acknowledge Assistant Superintendent Charles Gaides and Technology Coordinator Richard VanPelt for their efforts in securing the necessary funds for, and coordinating the development of, our network.

Finally, I can never say enough about the school spirit and pride displayed by our student, faculty, staff, parents and community members which is reflected in so many ways. I will always have fond memories of one week-end last March when over 1000 people gathered at the high school on a Saturday morning for the regional Odyssey of the Mind Competition and then many of the same people traveled to Durham to see our boy's basketball team play in the state championship game. The school and community pride was infectious that day and served as just one example of what a truly exciting school and vibrant community we have. I look forward to my continued service to you.

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GOFFSTOWN'S RECYCLING PROGRAM

For your convenience, we've included this list of recyclables currently accepted in Goffstown's curbside recycling program. You can cut this page out and post it on the fridge as a reminder.

CURBSIDE RECYCLING

- **GLASS** should be rinsed clean; glass colors can be clear, brown or green.
- **ALUMINUM CANS** should be rinsed clean.
- **STEEL/TIN CANS** should be rinsed clean, leaving no food residue.
- **PLASTIC** can be #1 PETE and #2 HDPE. Please rinse out containers; no bags or containers that held petroleum products such as motor oil.
- **ASEPTIC PACKAGING** such as juice boxes; just make sure they are empty.
- **MILK & JUICE CARTONS** should be rinsed clean; place with mixed paper.
- **CORRUGATED CARDBOARD** is three layered cardboard with ridges as the center layer. The 'shiny stuff' is okay. Cardboard should be flattened and cut down to no larger than 21" x 32".
- **NEWSPAPER** should be placed in a brown paper bag.
- **MAGAZINES** should be put with the newspaper.
- **MIXED PAPER** is a new addition at the curb for 1994. Mixed paper should be placed in a paper bag to prevent blowing away. Mixed paper consists of just about most paper products including junk mail, cereal boxes and twelve pack containers. Materials not acceptable are foil containing products (juice boxes and some beverage containers), food soiled paper such as napkins, blueprint paper, and carbon paper.

DROP OFF PROGRAM

All of the items accepted at the curb are also accepted in our drop off program at the Transfer Station. In addition to the above, our drop off program accepts the five items listed below.

- **TEXTILES** should be clean, dry and bagged.
- **SCRAP METAL** such as appliances, bikes, etc. are accepted. No appliances that contain, or once contained freon are accepted without certification of evacuation by a licensed refrigerant technician.
- **CLEAN WOOD** (lumber) is a lumber which is not painted, stained or pressure treated. Nails are okay.
- **AUTOMOTIVE BATTERIES** are wet cell batteries; broken cases are not accepted.
- **TIRES ARE ACCEPTED BUT THERE IS A \$1.00 CHARGE FOR CAR AND PICK-UP SIZED TIRES, SLIGHTLY MORE FOR LARGER ONES. COUPONS NEED TO BE PURCHASED AT THE TAX OFFICE BEFORE DROP-OFF. Call 497-4824.**
- **LEAVES and BRUSH** are placed in separate areas at the Transfer Station. Leaves must be unbagged, and brush is limited to 5" diameter.



TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

EMERGENCY

FIRE & AMBULANCE SERVICE	911 or 497-3311
POLICE	911 or 497-2232
POISON CENTER	800-562-8236

TOWN OFFICES

Assessor	497-3611	Parks & Recreation	497-3003
Building Inspector	497-3612	Planning Dept.	497-8991
District Court	497-2597	Police Dept.	497-4858
Finance Dept.	497-3615	Public Library	497-2102
Fire Dept. (Church St)	497-3537	Public Works Dept.	497-3617
Fire Dept. (E. Goffs.)	497-4655	Selectmen's Office	497-8990
Fire Dept. (Pinardville)	622-6713	Sewer Commission	497-8992
Goffstown Village		Support Services	497-3616
Water Precinct	497-3621	Tax Collector	497-3614
Grasmere Village		Town Clerk	497-3613
Water Precinct	497-8346	Transfer Station	497-4824

SCHOOLS

Bartlett Elementary	623-8088	Mountain View Middle	497-8288
Goffs. High School	497-4841	S.A.U. #19	497-4818
Maple Ave. Elem.	497-3330		